

What is the ALI Reciprocal Borrowing Program?

The ALI (Academic Libraries of Indiana) Reciprocal Borrowing Program allows Distance Education students to borrow materials directly from academic libraries located nearby. Contact BSU Libraries' Interlibrary Loan Services to receive your ALI Borrower's Card.

Interlibrary Loan Services: interlib@bsu.edu or (765) 285-1323

Academic Libraries of Indiana's Reciprocal Borrowing Program was established to promote, enhance and facilitate research, teaching and learning in Indiana academic institutions.

Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI)

Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) was founded in 2003 as an organization representing all academic libraries in accredited non-profit institutions of higher education in the state of Indiana. Included among the 80+ ALI members are major research libraries, law and medical libraries, theological school libraries, and many undergraduate libraries located around the state.

How to use Reciprocal Borrowing:

Using the Reciprocal Borrowing Program, a Distance Education student, staff, or faculty member's home library (in this case, Ball State University Libraries) authorizes a borrower to participate in the program by issuing a signed ALI Borrower's Card. The card is good for up to one year, with the card expiring on June 30th.

ALI member libraries will require you to bring your photo ID with a current address and your ALI Borrower's Card. They may or may not require your Ball State ID Card. Call the ALI participating library you plan to visit to see which IDs they require.

Which libraries participate in the ALI Reciprocal Borrowing Program?

A list of libraries participating in the program, along with their contact information, can be found at <http://academiclibrariesofindiana.org/home/members>

More questions? Contact Interlibrary Loan Services

Email: interlib@bsu.edu

Phone: (765) 285-1323 (Monday-Friday 8am-5pm; Saturday 8:30am-5:30pm)

(During other library open hours, your call will be forwarded to the Circulation Desk for assistance.)

Borrowers' Responsibilities

- A student, staff or faculty member must be currently enrolled and in good standing, or employed at the home library's institution. The home library has the final authority to issue or deny the ALI Borrowers' Card.
- Cardholders must observe the rules and regulations of the lending library. The lending library has the privilege to determine the loan periods of the materials, and may vary this loan period based on the status of the borrower.
- All materials must be returned to the leading library in a safe and timely manner. If you return another institution's material to University Libraries the item will be returned to the lending institution via Interlibrary Loan.
- *The borrower is responsible for all fines, fees, and other financial obligations that may accumulate from the lending library.* Failing to honor your financial obligations to other institutions may jeopardize your ability to borrow items from ALI member libraries.
- If an item is recalled by the lending institution, please return the item immediately. If necessary, you may send the item(s) by priority or express mail to the lending institution at your own expense.
- Please keep your mailing address accurate and current with your home library. Failure to do so may result in the revocation of your ALI Borrowers' Card.

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