

WESTHAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Interlibrary Loan/Network Transfer

Interlibrary loan service is essential to the vitality of libraries of all types and sizes as a means of greatly expanding the range of materials available to users. Lending between libraries is in the public interest and should be encouraged. Interlibrary loan should serve as an adjunct to, not a substitute for, collection development. Loans may be network transfers, Virtual Catalog requests, or interlibrary loans. A network transfer is an item provided by the C/WMARS consortium. A Virtual Catalog request is provided by other Massachusetts networks. An interlibrary loan is a transaction in which library material is made available by one library to another upon request.

The Library provides a variety of loan options:

Network Transfers - books, movies, magazines, audiobooks, and other physical items, requested through the C/WMARS catalog. Network transfer requests may be placed directly by patrons.

Virtual Catalog Requests - books, movies, magazines, audiobooks, and other physical items, requested through the state-wide Virtual Catalog. Virtual Catalog requests may be placed directly by patrons.

Mediated Interlibrary Loans - books, movies, magazines, audiobooks, and other physical items, requested from libraries outside Massachusetts. These requests are placed by library staff.

Article Requests - articles from magazines, journals, or other sources.

Many of these articles are available in our research databases, which patrons can search online. If a patron cannot locate an article, the library staff can request it through the Boston Public Library.