



Ball State University Libraries

A destination for research, learning, and friends

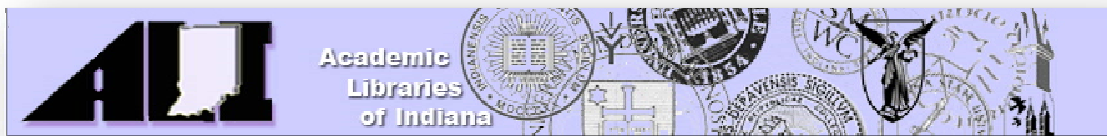
Academic Libraries of Indiana's Reciprocal Borrowing Program

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

For the Distance Education student, this means after a phone call or e-mail to Ball State University Libraries' Interlibrary Loan Services (765-285-1324 or interlib@bsu.edu), the college or university library near you can be a more convenient source of research information.

What is Academic Libraries of Indiana?

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.



ALI combines the collective expertise of all their member institutions to create a new library service that addresses the needs of Distance Education students, especially with their state-wide Reciprocal Borrowing Program.

What is this Reciprocal Borrowing Program?



With the Reciprocal Borrowing Program, a Distance Education student, staff or faculty's home library (in this case that would be Ball State University Libraries) authorizes a borrower to participate in the program by issuing a signed ALI Borrower's Card. The ALI Borrower's Card is good for up to one calendar year, with the card expiring on June 30th. Distance Education students should take the ALI Borrower's Card, their Ball State ID card, and photo ID with current address to a participating library. You will need to present all three forms of identification each time that you visit an ALI participating library.

What libraries in the state participate in Academic Libraries of Indiana Reciprocal Borrowing Program?

A listing of libraries that are members of ALI can be found at <http://ali.bsu.edu/members.html>. This list also gives contact information for the libraries, like street addresses and phone numbers, along with a link to that institution's library home page on the Internet.

Some Borrowers Responsibilities

- A student, staff or faculty 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 lending 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.

Questions? Contact Interlibrary Loan Services



By Phone

(765) 285-1323

Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 5:00PM



By Email

interlib@bsu.edu