

Abington Public Library

Interlibrary Loan Policy

The Abington Public Library is pleased to request library materials not available in the Old Colony Library Network from another public, academic or commercial library provider. The Abington Public Library subscribes to the provisions of the Massachusetts Library System's Interlibrary Loan Policy and National Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States. Interlibrary loan serves as an adjunct to the local public collection.

Borrowing Regulations for Commonwealth Catalog

1. Anyone with an OCLN borrower's card in good standing may request that material not available in the OCLN database be borrowed.
2. Patrons may submit Interlibrary Loan requests in person at the Abington Public Library or online using the Commonwealth Catalog website.
3. When the materials arrive at the Abington Public Library, the patron will be notified by telephone or email.
4. Pick-up must be by the patron whose library card has been checked.
5. The loan period for Interlibrary Loan materials is 28 days. Materials must be returned by the due date. There are no renewals for Commonwealth Catalog. Overdue materials will incur the same fine charged for Abington library materials.

Borrowing Regulations for Outside of Commonwealth Catalog

1. Anyone with an OCLN borrower's card in good standing may request that material not available in the OCLN database or the Commonwealth Catalog be borrowed.
2. Materials which may not be requested include material owned by Abington Public Library or OCLN but temporarily in use; titles on current local or national bestseller lists; multiple copies of a title for class or other group use; and titles not yet published.
3. When material cannot be borrowed, locations will be identified for on-site use.
4. If a borrower authorizes the Library to obtain materials from a supplying library not in the Massachusetts statewide delivery system, the borrower is responsible for paying the postage.
5. Borrowers are responsible for any charges levied by a supplying library for materials lost or damaged while charged out to the borrower. No refunds will be made for lost and paid Interlibrary Loan materials that are subsequently found.
6. All materials must be picked up at and returned to the Abington Public Library.
7. The loan period for Interlibrary Loan materials is set by the lending library. Materials must be returned by the due date. Renewals may be requested but not guaranteed. Overdue materials will incur the same fine charged for Abington library materials.