



# Texas Resource Sharing Project

The Texas State Library and Archives and OCLC are working together to release a new statewide interlibrary loan system, the Texas Group Catalog. The goal is to save you time and effort by eliminating redundant activities while allowing users to discover, view and request items across local, state and global networks in a single interface.

The new system displays items from libraries in Texas at the top of search results, followed by results from other Texas libraries. It provides real-time availability information to users, and sends requests only to libraries that can fulfill them. Requests that can't be satisfied within the state are sent to the global OCLC resource sharing network.

The new service is a Web-based interface that automates many of the routine tasks of interlibrary loan, and lets you:

- Monitor your patron requests
- Send requests to other libraries in the Texas group based on both policies and availability of the item
- Request items from libraries outside Texas as needed

This new interlibrary loan service is designed to support resource sharing within the state of Texas. A request can be managed from start to finish with a single interface without the need for alternative staff tools. For example, if a request cannot be satisfied within the state, it can be automatically routed to the WorldCat Resource Sharing network of 10,000 libraries.

Users can find and manage their requests—either books, AV or articles from multiple sources—all in the same interface. The service will alert users that a request has been filled via an e-mail message.

The simple Web interface guides users to your library or other Texas libraries that hold a particular item, and makes Texas library holdings more visible on the Web to information seekers.

## Staff benefits

- Automated features means staff time is reduced on each request
- Loan requests visible in one system, whether within Texas or the OCLC network
- Streamlines workflows and improves turnaround times for users
- Library staff and users can reach beyond local or regional library collections to find needed resources
- Delivery solution built on foundation of WorldCat— the world's largest database of library-owned resources

## User benefits

- Single discovery and delivery solution
- Allows patrons to place their own interlibrary loan requests
- Discovery of all material types

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