

Interlibrary Loan Service

If the library doesn't have the item you need, you may still be able to obtain it.

Current PTS faculty, students and staff in good standing may borrow books directly from the libraries with which we have established reciprocal borrowing agreements :

The University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, the Trinity Episcopal School of Ministry, and the Byzantine Catholic Seminary.

If the item is not at a local institution, we may be able to get it for you via Interlibrary Loan.

Who can use the Interlibrary Loan service?

This service is available to current faculty, students, and staff in good standing.

What is Interlibrary Loan?

Interlibrary loan service allows you to request a book or article that we do not own. The library can check a database of library materials held by more than 20,000 libraries worldwide. In addition to books and articles, we may also borrow microfilm/fiche, dissertations and other materials. However, all libraries have materials that they do not loan. Libraries rarely loan entire issues or volumes of journals, newspapers, software, audiovisual materials, or rare books and manuscripts.

How do I request an interlibrary loan?

Ask for an Interlibrary Loan Request Form at the front desk, or complete the online for available [here](#).

Does it cost anything?

Book loans are free. Costs charged for an article by the lending library are paid by the student.

How long does it take?

Normally, it takes between 7 and 10 days for an interlibrary loan book or article to arrive. It may take longer, so it is important to submit your request as early as possible.

How long can I keep an Interlibrary Loan book?

Lending periods are usually 3 to 4 weeks, and some libraries allow you to renew an interlibrary loan book. If you do need a renewal, ask at least four days before the due date so that we have time to contact the lending institution and confirm your request before the item is overdue.

If you have any questions, ask a librarian!