Finding Resources Outside BU

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Part I: BU World Cat Local

UP NEXT: Part II: Interlibrary Loan (ILL) is your second option....
What is WorldCat?

WorldCat.org is a public database that combines billions of items at libraries all around the world into one easy-to-search catalog.
What is BU WorldCat Local?

http://bu.worldcat.org

• Find: BU call numbers, locations & availability
• Find: Call numbers, locations, & availability of items at other Boston Library Consortium (BLC) libraries
• Request items directly from the search results!

Let’s take a look…
You can sign in to create lists of items.

Choose to search BU, BLC, or worldwide.

Languages, and more sign-in options.
Step 1: Basic keyword search or click on “Advanced Search.”

Step 2: The results are sorted to show you what BU and BLC libraries hold first.

Step 3: Expand holdings to see call number, etc.

Step 4: If BU’s copy isn’t available, click on the “Request” button.
Three Tiers of Holdings:
1. BU
2. BLC
3. WorldCat
If BU's copy is unavailable, you can REQUEST the item from a BLC library.
BLC Requests through BU WorldCat Local

• Your request arrives in 1-2 business days.
  - or -

• If no BLC copy can be supplied, you will be sent an email with:
  • Citation information from your request,
  • Instructions for using interlibrary loan (ILL) to get the same request from another library worldwide.

...It’s that easy.
Part II: Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

NEXT UP: Part III: Consortial Cards and Research Visits
Where to find ILLs on our website.
How to log-in to ILLiad.

Interlibrary Loan

The School of Theology Library Interlibrary Loan service is intended for faculty, staff, and currently registered students of the School of Theology.

Click here to log in to ILLiad

All Interlibrary Loan borrowing can be done within ILLiad, using your Kerberos username and password. You will need to register the first time and after that, you can place requests from the ILLiad menu after logging into the system. Please read our ILLiad FAQ for more information on using ILLiad.

If an item is owned by Boston University we cannot request it unless it is missing or only available on the Medical Campus. Please do not request items that are checked out, non-circulating (Reference, Periodicals, Archives, or Research Collection materials), in Storage, or on Reserve for a course.

Interlibrary Loans can be picked up at the Theology Library Circulation Desk during the hours the library is open. You will receive an email when your requested loan has arrived.

A Note About Consortial Borrowing:

If a book is available at a local library, it may be faster to get it there. You may need either a Boston Theological Institute Card (BT), or a Boston Library Consortium Card (BLC).

- Get a Boston Theological Institute (BTh) Card
- Get a Boston Library Consortium (BLC) card at Mugar Library

Contact Information:

Theology Library ILL
Registering for ILLiad.

We only need to collect this information once to register you for ILL services. Having your e-mail and local mail address on file with Interlibrary Services enables us to notify you promptly and deliver materials accurately when your request arrives.

Boston University ID number: GLIB38149

if this is not your BU ID number, someone has previously authenticated in this browser. Please close your browser and start again. Thank you

*First Name

*Last Name

*E-Mail Address

*Phone

*Address Line 1
(40 characters maximum. Continue below if necessary)

Address Line 2
(40 characters maximum)

*City
(30 characters maximum)

*State

*Zip Code

Country

USA

*Status
Faculty, Staff, Graduate, Undergraduate student
Placing an ILL Request
…Wait for your ILL.

- Could be 1-2 weeks, with shipping.
- You’ll get an email!
Part III: Consortial Cards and Research Visits
Boston Theological Institute (BTI) cards

Bring BU ID to the STH Library Circulation Desk each semester for a new BTI card.

Can only set up borrowing accounts at BTI libraries on weekdays from 9-5.
Boston Theological Institute (BTI) cards, continued….

**BTI Courier Service:**

Return your BTI Books to the STH Library Circulation Desk! In person only, fill out transit form completely.

Boston College * Andover-Newton Theological School * Hebrew College
Harvard Divinity School * Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
Episcopal Divinity School Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Boston Library Consortium (BLC) cards

Available at the Mugar Library Circulation Desk.

No courier return; books have to be returned to the home library.

- Boston College
- Brandeis University
- MIT
- Northeastern
- Tufts University
- University of Connecticut
- UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell
- University of New Hampshire
- Wellesley College
- Williams College
...and more!
American Theological Library Association (ATLA)

You must show your BU ID and proof of current registration (usually a course registration print-out, transcript, or letter from your school.)

Participating Libraries in:

Alabama, California, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Canada
Harvard’s Widener and Other Libraries

Even if a library is not in any of our affiliations, you may still be able to access materials.

- Many research libraries are open to the public - even non-circulating ones.
- Often public libraries and universities have borrowing privileges for local residents or visiting researchers.
- Call or ask at their circulation desk to find out if there is any way to view or borrow materials.
- Some may require a letter from our school (i.e. Harvard Widener), which you can get from BU’s Mugar Library at their reference desk.
- Long-term visiting researcher status may be acquired at a university – be prepared to explain your research.