



## **Interlibrary Loan Policy Statement**

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The Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Department supports the research and educational needs of the University of Central Arkansas's (UCA) students, faculty, and staff. To accomplish this mission, the Interlibrary Loan Department works with other libraries to access library resources not owned by the Torreyson Library. As an additional service, the ILL Department scans and electronically delivers to UCA patrons digital copies of articles from the Torreyson Library's Periodicals, Bound Journals and Microforms collections. The ILL Department supports other Arkansas and academic communities by providing Torreyson Library resources to libraries locally, nationally, and internationally.

### **Policy Guidelines**

The Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States, the regulations set forth in the Amigos Western Resource Sharing Agreement, LVIS (Libraries Very Interested in Sharing) resource sharing arrangement, the rules of Torreyson Library, the policies of the University of Central Arkansas, copyright law, and the policies of lending libraries govern the operations of the Interlibrary Loan Department of Torreyson Library at UCA.

### **ILL Services for UCA**

**Overview:** The ILL Department processes requests by UCA ILL patrons for library items not owned by the Torreyson Library. The ILL Department works with participating libraries to access those materials, whether by borrowing physical items or delivering digital copies of items from other libraries. If patrons request items available for checkout at Torreyson Library or at the library at Hendrix College, or that can be accessed electronically in a Torreyson Library collection, the ILL Department will send patrons an email with information about how to access the item instead of sending the request to other libraries. If a patron requests a copy of an item located in the Torreyson Library's Periodicals, Bound Journals and Microforms collections, the item is digitally scanned and electronically delivered if condition and format allow.

**Patrons Served:** Interlibrary Loan services are available to all current students, faculty, and staff of the University of Central Arkansas. Students may only use Interlibrary Loan when classes are



in session during a semester for which they are currently enrolled. If students are engaged in a long-term academic project, such as a dissertation or thesis, they may seek ILL Department approval to use ILL Services, which may require faculty/departmental confirmation. Patrons not currently affiliated with the university (i.e. alumni, former employees, community users, and individuals who have obtained circulation privileges through the payment of an annual fee) are not eligible to use Interlibrary Loan.

**Procedures for Submitting Requests:** The online system URSA (UCA Resource Sharing Application) is used to submit ILL requests. To establish an URSA account, visit our Interlibrary Loan webpage and follow the instructions to set up your password. URSA maintains your account details and detailed information about the requested item(s), as well as sends important request information via email. As soon as an URSA account is established, requests can be submitted by logging into URSA or through the library databases. Requests in excess of five will be processed only after requests from other requesters in the queue have been processed. Students with active requests in excess of 30 will require approval by the ILL Department. The approval process may require faculty/departmental confirmation.

**Retention of Patron Records:** The ILL Department follows guidelines on patron data as established in the [Torreyson Library Statement on Privacy and Confidentiality](#). ILL patron information collected includes: name, UCA email, status, university ID number, and request history. Patrons can choose to provide a personal email address and/or a personal phone number. Patron information is retained for three years except when financial records are involved. In these cases, patron invoices, receipts, or information regarding lost or damaged materials will be retained up to five years after the item is paid.

### **Types of ILL Requests Processed for UCA**

**Loan Requests:** The ILL Department will attempt to borrow physical library materials of any type from other libraries, with the exception of textbooks. The lending library determines what materials they will lend and may provide the material in a different format than specified in the request. The ILL Department will not process loan requests for materials available for checkout in the Torreyson Library collections. Exceptions to this policy will be considered for format preference, and for materials that are overdue, checked out by a faculty member or borrowing library, or not currently available (at the bindery, etc.). Furthermore, because UCA students, faculty, and staff, with a current UCA BearCard, have library borrowing privileges at the Hendrix College library, the ILL Department will not process requests for loans of physical materials available in their collections.



If a physical item is available at the Torreyson Library or the library at Hendrix College, the ILL Department will email the patron with information about how to find the item. If a Torreyson Library ebook is available, information on how to access the ebook will be emailed to the patron in place of a loan unless the format preference for a print book is indicated in the request notes. Torreyson Library is unable to borrow entire ebooks from other libraries and will instead request the physical loan of the book.

The loan period for a physical item is determined by the lending library. The ILL Department may shorten the lending period to ensure that materials are returned to the lending library on time and/or by the completion of the semester. Renewal requests can be made through URSA or by contacting the ILL Department. Renewal requests need to be made before the due date. The lending library must approve the renewal. If the renewal is not granted by the lending library, the patron must return the item by the original due date. If the renewal is granted, the patron must return it by the newly assigned due date and no other requests for renewals will be accepted on that item. Items not picked up in the ILL Office within five working days of the loan pickup email may be returned by the ILL Office to the lending library. Patrons may contact the ILL Office to arrange a different pickup date.

**Copy Requests:** The ILL Department will attempt to process requests for copies of items and deliver them electronically through the patron's URSA account. If the copy request is for an item available in Torreyson Library Periodicals, Bound Journals or Microforms collections, the item will be digitally scanned and delivered to the patron if it is in a scannable format/condition. If the article is not in a scannable format/condition, the patron will be emailed with information on how to locate the item. The number of pages digitally scanned and delivered for each request will follow copyright; requests in excess of 50 pages will require approval by the Interlibrary Loan Department. The approval process may require faculty/departmental confirmation. With the exception of requests submitted by Distance Education students, requests for digital scans of articles or copies from Torreyson Library's other collections will not be accepted.

If the item is not available in any of the Torreyson Library collections, the ILL Department will attempt to request digital copies from other libraries as copyright allows. Examples include digital copies of articles and book/ebook chapters. If patrons want to request a digital chapter(s) of a book, they should select "copy" and note the chapter title(s) in the request. The ILL Department requests digital copies from other libraries according to copyright. If the number of pages requested by the patron exceed copyright, the physical loan of the item or a reduced number of pages may be requested instead. The lending library determines if they are willing to scan or digitally deliver the requested number of pages. Digitally delivered articles are available



on a patron's URSA account as a PDF file that is accessible for 30 days or five views. OCR conversion of articles is available in the ILL Office upon request.

**Cost:** The Interlibrary Loan Department does not charge a fee for any services; however, some lending libraries do charge a lending or copy fee. The Interlibrary Loan Department makes every effort to locate materials through lending libraries that do not charge fees. If materials can only be located at a lending library that charges a fee, the patron is responsible for paying that fee. Patrons will be informed of any cost before the request is officially transmitted. Once patrons agree to pay, payment must be made when they pick up the requested item or after the item has been delivered electronically. Patrons are responsible for paying fees even if they determine that the borrowed item is not needed or decline to pick it up, as the Torreyson Library has already paid the fee. If patrons do not pay for the item in a reasonable amount of time, they will be blocked from using interlibrary loan. For students, a flag will also be placed on their UCA account, thereby blocking course registration, transcripts, etc. The Interlibrary Loan Department will accept checks, cash, money orders, departmental transfer, or a UCA BearCard for payment.

**Copyright Compliance:** The following copyright notice is posted in the ILL Office, on request forms, and on delivered materials to ensure that patrons understand copyright requirements related to Interlibrary Loan materials:

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Under certain conditions specified in the law, libraries and archives are authorized to furnish a photocopy or other reproduction. One of these specified conditions is that the photocopy/reproduction is not to be 'used for any purposes other than private study, scholarship, or research.' If a user makes a request for, or later uses, a photocopy or reproduction for purposes in excess of fair use, that user may be liable for copyright infringement.

To meet the requirements of the National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyright Works (CONTU), which apply to copies of publications that are less than five years old, the ILL Department will honor the *Rule of Two* (one article, per issue, per patron) and the *Suggestion of Five* (five articles from a single periodical title per calendar year) without requesting copyright permission. Requirements also restrict the portion of a longer work such as a book that may be copied; in these cases, the item may be requested as a physical loan.



Torreyson Library will cover the cost if copyright fees must be assessed. In cases where copyright fees are excessive, the ILL Department may explore more cost-effective ways to access the material. The ILL Department will maintain records of requests that fall under CONTU guidelines for three calendar years after the request is made.

### **Patron Responsibilities:**

- Maintain URSA login information and up-to-date Communication Preferences. Users can choose to opt out of URSA communications but are strongly encouraged to allow email communications, which contain essential information. The ILL Department communicates with users via email to indicate that a loan has arrived, for payment/fee information, etc.
- Monitor communication, both email and text messages, from the ILL Department and pick up requested materials in a timely manner.
- Accurately fill out digital request forms through URSA.
- Ensure the care and safety of borrowed materials and cover the cost of replacement or repairs of lost or damaged materials that occur in the patron's possession.
- Pay any fees imposed by the lending library. Patrons will be informed of any costs prior to receiving the material.
- Return all materials by the due date marked on loaned materials or ask for a renewal before the due date. If the materials are not returned by the due date, the following measures may be imposed: suspension of book borrowing privileges and invoice for the replacement cost of the overdue material. Students may also have their UCA student record flagged, thereby blocking course registration, transcripts, etc.

### **ILL Department Responsibilities:**

- Process requests in a timely manner.
- Communicate with patrons when there are any problems with the information provided and/or availability of requested item.
- Work to obtain requested materials in the quickest and most cost-effective manner.
- Communicate with patrons about any fees that are associated with the requested material before processing the request.



- Promptly process and distribute incoming articles.
- OCR conversion of documents upon request.
- Promptly process and inform patrons of loaned materials available for pickup in the Interlibrary Loan Office.
- Clearly mark due dates on loaned materials.
- Work to obtain renewals for loaned materials and inform patrons about new due dates.
- Accurately maintain records associated with interlibrary loan materials.
- Provide access to interlibrary loan materials any time Torreyson Library is open.
- Maintain open and productive relationships with lending libraries to ensure continued access to materials.
- Work to ensure the privacy of all patron information.



## **ILL Services for Other Libraries**

**Users:** The ILL Department will work to assist any library who wants to borrow materials in the Torreyson Library collection. Materials will be loaned only to libraries in the United States. Copies may be made for U.S. and international libraries if they provide the means to deliver the copy electronically. While the Interlibrary Loan Department works with all libraries, preference will be accorded to libraries in the following order: Arkansas libraries, Amigos and LVIS academic libraries, Amigos and LVIS non-academic libraries, non-Amigos and LVIS academic libraries, and other public and special libraries.

**Procedures for Requests:** The ILL Department accepts requests via OCLC and will accept direct requests through email, mail, and fax. Contact information is located on the Torreyson Library Interlibrary Loan website. Torreyson Library uses OCLC's TIPASA system to process requests.

### **Materials Loaned from Torreyson Library Collections:**

- Books, including items from the Main, Browsing, Music, and Children's collections.
- Audiovisual materials located in the Main, Music Media and Audiobooks collections.
- Scores located in the Scores collection.
- Items in the Reference, Music Reference, and Microforms collections at the discretion of a member of the Library Faculty.
- Items in the Main collection marked *Library Use Only* at the discretion of a member of the Library Faculty.

### **Materials Copied from Torreyson Library Collections:**

- Print periodicals which can be scanned or copied.
- Electronic periodicals and other digital content as allowed by publisher's contract.
- Book chapters as allowed by copyright.
- Ebook chapters from the library's ebook collections as allowed by publisher's contract.



- Items in the Archives collection at the discretion of a member of the Library Faculty.
- Theses and dissertations written by UCA students available digitally in the ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global database.

**Materials Not Loaned from Torreyson Library Collections:**

- Items located in the Archives collection.
- Ebooks from the library's ebook collections.
- Print periodicals including bound and individual issues from the Periodicals and Bound Journal collections.
- Audiovisual materials from the Faculty Audiovisual and Browsing Video collections.
- LPs and recordings of student performances from the Music Media collection.
- Items located in the Textbook Reserve, Course Reserve, and Music Reserve collections.
- Items located in the Main Collection published by McGraw-Hill, Cengage, Prentice Hall and Pearson which are less than 4 years old.
- Items from the Graphic Novels collection.
- New and high-demand items from any of the library collections.
- Print copies of theses or dissertations written by UCA students.

**Cost:** The ILL Department, in most cases, does not charge a fee for loaned or copied materials. Fees may be assessed in cases of excessive delivery costs caused by size of loaned items, rush delivery, etc.

**Loan Period:** All circulating materials will have a loan period of eight weeks with no renewals granted.

**Borrowing Library's Responsibilities:**

- Accurately and completely fill out request forms.
- Update OCLC requests and records in a timely manner.
- Pay any fees.



- Manage the care and safety of the borrowed materials received and pay for any replacement or repair costs, including costs associated with items lost or damaged in transit.
- Adherence to due date set by the Interlibrary Loan Department.
- Follow the Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States and, for participating libraries, the regulations set forth in the Amigos Western Resource Sharing Agreement and LVIS (Libraries Very Interested in Sharing) resource sharing arrangement.

Libraries with an excessive number of overdue items will lose borrowing privileges.

#### **Interlibrary Loan Department Responsibilities:**

- Promptly and accurately respond to incoming requests whether the requested material can be provided or not.
- Communicate with the borrowing library if the information found on the request is not accurate, if there are any fees, or for any other special requests or instructions.
- Ship items in a timely and accurate manner using a reliable delivery method.
- Provide quality copies of requested materials.
- Quickly update all requests and records.
- Work to ensure the privacy of all patron information.
- Follow the Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States and the regulations set forth in the Amigos Western Resource Sharing Agreement and LVIS (Libraries Very Interested in Sharing) resource sharing arrangement.