When You Need a Book that the Library Doesn’t Have

OU Libraries has a great collection, but we don’t own everything. Even the Library of Congress doesn’t own everything! When you’re researching a topic and want to expand your search to books not held by OU, use Worldcat. Thousands of libraries around the world have contributed their catalogs to this central database, and most will lend their materials to us.

If you find a book in Worldcat and it doesn’t show a green UNIV. OF OKLAHOMA message, you can request it via Interlibrary Loan. Here’s how, in 3 easy steps.

**Step 1.** In the record for the book you want, click *See more details for locating this item*.

**Step 2.** You’ll be taken to a detailed record. Click *Request via Interlibrary Loan*.
Step 3. Now you’re taken to a form that has all the information the library needs to borrow the book from another library. Click **Submit Request**. You’re done!

**Now what?** In a few days (more or less) you will receive an email from the Interlibrary Loan Department letting you know that your item is ready to be checked out. You can also track the status of your request from the library’s My ILL/Sooner Xpress link, available under Quick Links on the library’s home page.

There are a few things that we can’t get for you: rare items that the owner library doesn’t lend, whole issues of magazines or journals, many textbooks and reference books. You will get a notice if your request can’t be filled.

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