

Overview of ILL request options

1. What is I-Share?

I-Share is the statewide interlibrary loan (ILL) system linking more than 70 libraries throughout Illinois. It is both a database and an ILL request system: you may search for a book in the I-Share database and submit a request for it to be sent to you. When you submit a request in I-Share, the request is sent to the lending library immediately. WIU Interlibrary Loan staff may also order items in your name via I-Share, but this is not necessary and adds extra processing time to your request.

Use I-Share to order: Books

2. What is Illiad?

Illiad is an interlibrary loan request management system. It is not a database. You may use Illiad to submit Interlibrary Loan requests, track the status of those requests, request renewals and view electronically delivered articles. Request sent through Illiad are not immediately sent to the lending library – ILL staff members process these requests.

Use Illiad to order: items not found on I-Share, books, articles, dvds, cds, etc.)

3. What is Worldcat?

Worldcat is a worldwide database of books, periodicals and media materials. If you find an item in Worldcat, you may submit an Interlibrary Loan request directly from Worldcat. Interlibrary Loan staff will then add the item to your Illiad account and you may track the request from Illiad.

WIU has access to many other databases, such as EBSCO. See <http://www.wiu.edu/library/databases/>. You cannot submit requests directly through other databases; you will need to request items through I-Share or Illiad.

Use Worldcat to order: all items not found on I-Share

4. Should I submit my request through I-Share or Illiad?

If you find an item in I-Share, we encourage you to order it yourself. This will provide the quickest possible service. If you cannot find the item on I-Share, you should submit your request through Illiad.