



Tips for Borrowing from Other Libraries

As you search the online catalogs and find a title that you want to request, there are a few points that you will want to consider:

- **When was the item published?** New items at the Dodgeville Public Library can be requested by Dodgeville patrons only. Likewise, new items at other libraries are available only for their patrons. After about 6 months the items become available for interlibrary loan. Outside of our system, items that are too new or too popular cannot be requested. See the [Items In Constant Demand List](#) to see if your title is too popular to request outside of our SWLS system.
- **Are you requesting a movie or popular music?** Movies or music held by our system are easily borrowed. Requesting these items through WISCAT is more limited. Music and movie requests outside of our system can take up to 3 months.
- **What is the format of the audiovisual item?** Not all discs are created equal! There are 10-1/2 inch vinyl record discs, 4-3/4 inch sound discs (CD) and MP3 CDs. Videorecordings are available in cassette or disc form. Talking books are abridged and unabridged. Be specific about the format you need.
- **There is more than one record for the item I want to find in WISCAT.** Once again, check the format of the item you're searching. Print items may have different publication dates.