Royal Oak Public Library Policies

Services Section 5.13 - Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Royal Oak Public Library participates in the TLN Shared Automation System. Books and other resources owned by all libraries participating in the TLN shared automation online catalog and circulation system may be located in the online catalog. Registered borrowers in participating TLN member libraries may access this catalog and request these materials from any participating TLN library; borrowing restrictions vary from library to library.

Royal Oak Public Library participates in the MeLCat sharing program with other participating libraries throughout Michigan. MeLCat is available to Royal Oak Public Library residents through the online catalog and by approaching the Library reference desk in person, by telephone or by e-mail.

Royal Oak Public Library provides access to the wider reach of OCLC interlibrary loan services. Books and other materials not owned by Royal Oak Public Library, not available in the TLN shared online catalog and not available via MeLCat, may be requested through interlibrary loan. On behalf of its patrons, Royal Oak Public Library borrows the materials from other libraries in Michigan and across the country that are willing and able to share their resources. The Library will provide ILL service to ROPL card-holders upon presentation of their ROPL borrowing card; some fees from the lending library may apply, such as postage and the borrower must agree to pay these fees prior to submitting the ILL request. The Library will provide ILL service to Non ROPL card-holders for a $15.00 fee in addition to any fees from the lending library, including but not limited to postage.]*

*OCLC interlibrary loan service suspended indefinitely, starting December 2009, due to state library aid cuts to The Library Network.

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