Interlibrary Loans for Community Borrowers Policy

Purpose
To outline Athabasca University (AU) Library’s policy regarding the provision of interlibrary loan (ILL) for external patrons.

Definitions

Community Borrowers
Library patrons who have AU Library accounts, but who are neither AU students nor AU Staff members. Typically community borrowers either reside or work in or near Athabasca on an ongoing basis.

Interlibrary Loan
The borrowing of materials from another library, on behalf of a Library patron.

Policy Statements
Community borrowers can request interlibrary loans for materials not available in AU Library’s collection, for a fee.
AU Library does not request microform or audiovisual resources through Interlibrary Loans.

Materials are loaned for two weeks, and renewals are not permitted. Borrowed materials must be returned to AU Library, on or before the due date.

Failure to return borrowed materials on time may result in the suspension of ILL privileges. In the event that ILL materials are lost, the requesting patron is responsible for the full replacement cost of the item(s), as charged by the lending library.

**Applicable Legislation and Regulations**

N/A

**Related References, Policies, Procedures and Forms**

N/A

**History**

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