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# **Working with ME Libraries and Interlibrary Loans**





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#### 1 ME Libraries

ME Libraries allows you to use your library card from the Peace Library System and register to borrow physical items from participating libraries. This is great for anyone who has moved in the province or visits lots of different cities. Registering on ME Libraries allows you to access all of the participating libraries and access items that TRAC may not have.

There is no way that with over 300 libraries and 10 million items that you won't find something.

### 2 Participating Libraries

You can register as a patron using your local library card at any of these libraries.

Calgary Public Library	Peace Library System
Chinook Arch Regional Library System	Red Deer Public Library
Edmonton Public Library	Shortgrass Library System
Fort Saskatchewan Public Library	St. Albert Public Library
Marigold Library System	Strathcona County Library
Northern Lights Library System	Wood Buffalo Regional Library
Parkland Regional Library	Yellowhead Regional Library

#### 3 Patron Cards and Accounts

Use your library card to create an account at any of the libraries by:

- 1. Go to www.melibraries.ca
- 2. Enter your library barcode and pin
- 3. Approve sharing your account info with the libraries you join
- 4. Select the library or libraries you want to join
- Go to the library website—it may take a few minutes for your account to be created

You can then go to those libraries and use your regular library card from Peace and it will work. Fees and fines are dictated by the owner of the material so if you borrow something from Calgary Public Library and return it late, the late fees of Calgary Public Library will be applied and not those of your home library.

### 4 Borrowing

#### 4.1 In Person

Once you have created an account, you can visit the location of any of the participating libraries and check out your physical items using your library card. It's best to create your account using ME Libraries before visiting as it may take a few minutes for the account to be created. If you do forget or need help, just as a librarian!

## 4.2 Interlibrary Loan/Online

If you aren't able to physically visit the participating library but want the item that TRAC does not have, log into your account on TAL Online and get the item sent to you through interlibrary loan. Just like borrowing in person, fees are dictated by the owner of the items and not your home library.

#### 4.3 Limitations

Due to licensing restrictions, all of the items borrowed are exclusively physical items. Sadly, any resources like OnePlay or OverDrive are only available to their local patrons. If you find a service particularly useful or helpful, contact your library and see if they have a similar service or can look at adding it to their resources!

# 5 Help

ME Libraries has a Help page at <a href="https://www.melibraries.ca/help.php">https://www.melibraries.ca/help.php</a>

Ask a librarian at any participating library