

The Boston Library Consortium (BLC)

The Boston Library Consortium consists of eighteen academic and research Libraries in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Hampshire. These libraries joined together and committed to sharing institutional human and information resources so their collective strengths support and advance the research and learning of each member's constituents.

Services include onsite access, direct borrowing through the Virtual Catalog and the Consortium Card program, an online Union List of Serials, document delivery and cooperative collecting.

The Virtual Catalog

The Virtual Catalog provides a single, searchable catalog of books owned by libraries of the Boston Library Consortium who participate in the BLC Virtual Catalog. Qualified patrons of these libraries may directly request material from the other libraries. UConn students, faculty and staff (including retirees) may search and request material from all the participating BLC Virtual Catalog member libraries. [see list on back].

Each participating library determines which items in its collection are eligible for borrowing on the Virtual Catalog. In general this includes books and other materials. You may not be able to request books that are already checked out, or that are in reference, course reserve, audio-visual, or other special collections.

If your query is accepted by the Virtual Catalog, then the system has identified at least one copy that can be requested and is available at a BLC library. If the book or item you want cannot be borrowed through the Virtual Catalog, go to <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/services/ill/> for other borrowing options.

Access

- Direct URL: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/BLC-CAS/blc-welcome.php>
- From HOMER, the UConn Library Catalog → <http://homerweb.lib.uconn.edu> → click **BLC** on upper menu bar
- From the UConn Libraries homepage → <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/>, under **Quick Links** → **Document Delivery / Interlibrary Loan**, → **Boston Library Consortium Virtual Catalog**



Borrowing

Borrowing through the Virtual Catalog is a free service.

Borrowing **journals** and other **serials/periodicals** is *not* available through BLC.

Fines and replacement billing are the same as for UConn material.

Loan Period

The loan period for Virtual Catalog materials is **42 days**.

Renewals are not permitted.

The number of borrowed items is limited to **25**.

Information

Further BLC Virtual Catalog information is available at:

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/BLC-CAS/blc-welcome.php>

or email [udoc@uconn.edu] or call [**860-486-4959**] UConn Document Delivery/ Interlibrary Loan

Virtual Catalog Tour

For a Virtual Catalog tour and a step-by-step process on how to borrow BLC materials go to:

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/services/ill/vctour1.html>



Boston Library Consortium Member Libraries participating in the BLC Virtual Catalog

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Boston Public Library
Boston University
Brown University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Marine Biological Laboratory/Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
Northeastern University
State Library of Massachusetts
Tufts University
University of Connecticut
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University of Massachusetts Amherst
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