

WHAT IS I-SHARE?

INTRODUCTION

I-Share is a network of more than 80 academic libraries across the state of Illinois. Together, these libraries hold nearly 38 million items. These items are mostly books but also include musical scores, films and videos, CDs, and audiobooks.

Your North Park ID gives you the privilege to use these libraries and access these items for free. At this time, electronic resources like ebooks, ejournals, and streaming videos from other libraries are not accessible through I-Share.

I-SHARE INCLUDES



Books



Musical scores



Films/video



CD



Audiobooks

I-SHARE DOES NOT INCLUDE



ebooks



ejournals



Streaming videos



USING I-SHARE

There are two ways you can access materials through I-Share.

In Person

One way you can access these materials is to visit another I-Share school. This is particularly important if you are a distance student or if another school is more convenient for you. Your North Park ID gives you access to all other I-Share libraries; you can head to any of these partner libraries to study or to check out items.

One thing to note: the library you are visiting might special restrictions or limits so it's a good idea to call ahead before visiting.

Create an I-Share Request

The other way to access these collections is to create an I-Share request for the item you want. I-Share allows you to place a request online for the item you need and have it delivered to the I-Share library of your choice. For example, if the Brandel Library does not have the item you need – or if our copy is already checked out – you can create an I-Share request and have a copy sent to the Brandel Library.

These request usually take about 3-5 days; you will get an email notifying you when the item arrives. If you selected North Park as your pick-up location, head to the circulation desk on the first floor of Brandel Library and tell them that you have an I-Share book waiting for you – the circulation staff will do the rest.

CONCLUSION

The other videos in this series will walk through how to create an I-Share account, place a request for an item, and manage your account.

If you have any questions about I-Share, please contact us. We are always happy to help.

QUESTIONS? ASK A LIBRARIAN.

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