Overview

Find an overview of the Off-System Request queue and learn how to track requests between your library and a library or organization that is not using an OCLC resource sharing solution within the WorldShare Interlibrary Loan staff interface. Track requests between your library and a library or organization that is not using an OCLC resource sharing solution within the WorldShare Interlibrary Loan staff interface. These off-system partners typically use email as their primary form of request communication and do not have access to a protocol-compliant ILL system.

Use the off-system request queues to track all requesting activity within WorldShare Interlibrary Loan.

- As a borrower, manage requesting, receiving, and returning materials from an off-system lender.
- As a lender, manage reviewing, responding, sending, and processing returns from your collection to an off-system borrower.
- Review off-system requests in your library's Borrower/Lender Resources Sharing Stats Report in OCLC Usage Statistics.

Off-System request workflow

1. Create the off-system lending or borrowing request.
2. Update off-system request details as necessary.
3. Change the status of the request as necessary.
4. Add updates from the off-system partner using Staff Notes.
5. Use the Email button to send emails to the off-system partner and to the library patron if necessary.
6. Review the Request History drop-down and Staff Notes tab for information about the request.
7. Use OCLC Usage Statistics to track your off-system requests.

Refer to Off-system borrowing and Off-system lending for more information.

Off-System request queues

Off-system requests appear in dedicated queues for borrowing and lending within the WorldShare Interlibrary Loan interface.
Within each queue, all active off-system requests are displayed together and can be sorted by the following column headings:

- Request ID
- Status
- Media Type
- Title
- Patron (Borrowing only)
- Off-System Borrower or Off-System Lender
- Need Before
- Due Date

**Off-System request display**

Off-system requests include the request details, bibliographic details, lender or borrower information, and request history.

Since the partner institution will communicate outside of the WorldShare Interlibrary Loan system, staff will need to manually update information in the request. All fields in the off-system request are editable throughout the active lifetime of the request. Staff will also need to manually update any status updates for the request by using the Change Status button.