

INTERLIBRARY LOAN & THE IOWA LIBRARY DIRECTORY

Interlibrary Loan, or ILL, provides Iowans with equal access to library materials by supporting resource sharing among all types of libraries. Participating libraries agree to lend their materials to other libraries across the state. More than 200,000 interlibrary loans are made annually through the program. You can see what is available to borrow from other libraries in the state of Iowa via the Iowa Locator. To access this resource, go to the Spirit Lake Public Library website slpublib.com. Scroll down to the bottom section of “Digital Resources at Your Fingertips.” Click on “The Iowa Locator.” There you will see all kinds of ways to search for materials: title, author, format, etc. If the item you are looking for is available in the state, and you are a residential patron of the Spirit Lake Public Library, you can ask that we request that item for you. There is a small fee of \$2.00 per item to help defray the cost of shipping and handling. If you are not quite sure how to do a search on the Iowa Locator, a staff member at the SLPL will be happy to help you!

The Iowa Library Directory is an important statewide resource that is available to the general public as a tool to locate and connect with local libraries. You can access the directory by going to their website <https://silo.knack.com/directory>. Library Directory information available to the public includes:

- Library mailing address, phone number, open hours, and website
- Director name and contact info
- Department contact information (if applicable)
- IA Shares delivery code and route information
- Library size code, district, and locator code
- School district, population data, and more!