

From: Access Services/ Circulation

To: Faculty, Staff and Students

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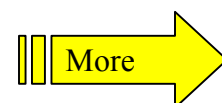
ARC Overview

The Worcester State College Library has joined with other academic/research libraries in central Massachusetts, and we are members of a group called the **Academic and Research Collaborative (ARC)**. The Central Massachusetts Regional Library System (CMRLS) now administers all services formerly provided by the Worcester Area Cooperating Libraries (WACL).

One result of this collaboration is that our library users can borrow directly from area libraries with **ARC cards**. These cards are available from the Circulation Desk at any time the Library is open. This applies equally to all staff, students and faculty.

Several college and university libraries in the Worcester area have agreed to mutually share their libraries' resources. Each of these libraries will grant borrowing privileges to students from other participating college/universities. Libraries that have an agreement with the WSC Library are:

- Anna Maria College
- Assumption College
- Atlantic Union College
- Becker College
- Clark University (faculty only)
- College of the Holy Cross
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
- Nichols College
- Tufts University (Cummings)
- WPI





GUIDELINES

Each faculty, staff, or student ***must*** have a current, valid WSC ID card ***and*** an ARC card to borrow from the participating libraries. ARC cards are issued only upon request by the individual AND verification of current and active WSC status by the Circulation Department.

The ARC cards for faculty are valid for one year. The ARC cards for students are valid for the current semester only.

The use of each of these libraries is a privilege, and the co-operating libraries have established procedures to ensure fairness and encourage patron responsibility.

The rules of the "lending" library apply when borrowing library materials from another institution. These rules may be different from the Worcester State College Library. Please check with the lending library about its policies.

The WSC Library assumes responsibility for its faculty, staff and students who borrow materials from other institutions. Anyone who abuses these borrowing privileges will have them revoked, and they are subject to appropriate action that might be taken by the Worcester Sate College Library.

Questions about policies and procedures of this library resource sharing program within the Worcester area should be directed to the Circulation Staff (508) 929-8525 or to the Access Services Librarian at (508) 929-8801.

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