

Interlibrary Loan Borrowing: Using RACER

Overview

So Laurier and its partner libraries don't have the book, article, or resource you need. What can you do? If you live near another Ontario academic library, you can use your OneCard to borrow books. But you certainly don't have to travel to another library to find what you want.

Omni Libraries

Check first to see if one of our 17 partner libraries owns the book. It can be delivered for free to your campus. Under the title of the book, you will see the following: "Not available locally, click for more options." Books from our partners can be delivered to your campus.

RACER

If the book does not appear in our catalogue, you can order it from RACER. Borrowing books, articles, and other items is a free service. Although your item could come sooner, allow 5 to 10 days for it to arrive.

You can also request articles through RACER. They will be sent to your Laurier email.

Ordering Items

So how do you do this? Go to Laurier's home page and under the "services" tab, click on "borrowing services," and then "request from other libraries." Click on the link to "RACER (Interlibrary Loans)." Your login is your OneCard barcode. Your password is your last name (all in lower case). Select "Wilfrid Laurier" for your library and you are ready to go. Although you can search for your item, it is not necessary to do so. The library will find it for you wherever it is.

Blank Request Form

It is best to click on "Blank Request Form." You can change "article" to "book" or another format. Doing so will change the fields below. Then fill out in the fields in red. Identify when your item is "not needed after," choose a pick-up location, and click on "request." Note that if your item is an article or a chapter a link to the online item will be emailed to you.

If the item you want is an article from our library catalogue or databases, you can save yourself a few steps by clicking on the RACER link from the screen that indicates the article's availability. The article fields will then be pre-populated.

Additional Assistance

The library has several other videos that may be of interest.

You can find them at library.wlu.ca/help/tutorials.

If you have any questions, just ask us at library.wlu.ca/help/askus.