

Interlibrary Loan Pathfinder

What resource does the student or teacher need?



Is the resource available in the school's library collection?

Yes.

Proceed to checkout.

No.

Will more students & teachers need this resource in the future?

Resources more than one student will need or teachers will use on a regular basis should be included in the school library collection. Use the SDSL [School Library Collection Development Framework](#) to assist decision making. Considerations for policies & procedures & planning templates are included.

Yes.

Purchase it for the school library collection.

If not possible, continue on the path.

No.

Can a similar resource be found using the SDSL eresources?

Gale Virtual Reference Library, ebooks on EBSCO, ProQuest, SIRS and World Book provide access to current resources on a variety of research topics. PDFs & citation information are included. (Additional databases may be available in the school library.)

If not successful, contact the SDSL Research Department at 1-800-423-6665 or email library@state.sd.us.

Yes.

Proceed with research.

If the search was unsuccessful, continue on the path.

No.

Can the resource or a similar one be accessed through a public or university library to which the students have access?

Contact your local public library to assist students with research projects.

Students taking dual-credit courses have access to the collections of the affiliated university.

Yes.

Proceed with research.

If the search was unsuccessful, continue on the path.

No.

Proceed to [ILL Services](#).

4 Simple Rules:

- ✓ Interlibrary loan is to be used as a "last resort."
- ✓ Eresources in all formats provide the most accurate current information.
- ✓ Older resources should be avoided unless of historical significance.
- ✓ Only the school librarian, or designated staff person if there is no librarian, may place ILL requests.