



Traverse des Sioux Library System
Interlibrary Loan Report
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The Traverse des Sioux Library System is not the only library that is looking for ways to cut costs. On the OCLC ILL Listserv one librarian posted the following questions (some of the responses will be added below each question):

We are discussing changes in our ILL policies and I am wondering what other medium-sized public library systems are doing? This poll is specifically about your policies regarding borrowing for your own patrons.

1. Do you charge a fee for ILL ?

The consensus is that most libraries do not charge patrons for ILL unless the item can only be obtained from a library that charges to lend. The patron is asked if they are willing to pay to get the item. TdS has this policy.

2. Do you allow patrons with fines on their records to borrow via ILL?

Most said that as long as the fines are below the threshold that allows them to check out the books owned by their own library, they will allow the patron to borrow via ILL..

3. How many ILL loans do you allow each patron at one time?

The majority that answered said five, ten, or no limit

4. Do you have format restrictions? (i.e. for example, are patrons allowed fewer audios, videos, microfilm reels, etc. than books?)

Surprisingly, some said that they do not borrow av for their patrons through ILL. But most said they would borrow most formats for their patrons except if they would not loan that particular format to other libraries

Please be careful when putting the three letter code on transit slips. Sometimes it is hard to tell TFE from TFB or TSA from TSH, etc. This will help the sorters get the item into the correct tub and will ensure that requested items get to our patrons as soon as possible. Thank you!

We have recently purchased fifteen new black and yellow tubs. This will allow the disposal of some of those tan tubs that have cracks in the bottom. Lately, with the snow beginning to melt, there have been occasional problems with books getting wet.