

**Alumni Medical Library
Boston University Medical Center**

BOSTON LIBRARY CONSORTIUM (BLC)

<http://medlib.bu.edu/facts/oncat.cfm>

<http://www.blc.org/index.html>

Introduction

Boston University is a member of the Boston Library Consortium (BLC). The Boston Library Consortium is a cooperative association of approximately 20 academic and research libraries whose purpose is to share information resources so that the collective strengths of the group advance the research and learning of the members' constituents.

Consortium Card Program

The Consortium Card program extends borrowing privileges at Consortium members' libraries to faculty and students from participating academic institutions. Boston University Medical Center faculty, staff, and students can get their BLC Consortium Cards at the Alumni Medical Library Reference Desk, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. (*Please be sure to bring your BU ID or BMC ID when applying for the Consortium Card.*) Card holders must re-validate their cards at regular intervals, usually once each semester.

Privileges and Special Qualifications

The Consortium Card is an identification card that permits access to BLC libraries. Although most BLC members are flexible, the Consortium Card does not automatically confer borrowing privileges. Libraries occasionally require a screening interview or block admission during particularly busy study times during the academic year. If you are planning to go to any of the BLC libraries, contact them ahead of time to inquire about their access policies and procedures.

You may return borrowed materials to any Consortium member library, but you will be responsible for any overdue charges at the home institution. Materials borrowed from Consortium libraries can be returned to the Alumni Medical Library. Consortium card holders must observe each library's circulation regulations, including the payment of charges for overdue and lost materials. Failure to do so will result in the loss of borrowing privileges at all Consortium libraries.

Virtual Catalog (<http://www.bu.edu/library/vc/>)

The BLC Virtual Catalog provides a single interface from which users can search for books that are owned by any of the participating BLC universities. Boston University students, faculty, and staff may also use the Virtual Catalog to place requests to borrow books from other BLC institutions.

WorldCat Book and Journal Holdings

(<http://firstsearch.oclc.org/autho=100203601;dbname=WorldCat;FSIP>)

WorldCat is the OCLC Online Union Catalog. It contains more than 43 million records describing items owned by Boston area libraries and libraries around the world. WorldCat contains records for the following types of materials: books*, journals*, musical scores, computer data files, magazines*, newspapers*, computer programs, manuscripts, sound recordings, films and slides, maps, videotapes. (*Does not include individual articles, stories in journals, magazines, newspapers, or book chapters.)

| University Library and Phone Number | Library Web Site | Library Online Catalog |
|---|---|---|
| Boston College 617-552-4472 | http://www.bc.edu/libraries/ | http://ecs100.bc.edu:4545/ALEPH |
| Boston Public Library 617-536-5400 | http://www.bpl.org | http://www.bpl.org/catalogs/frame_rl.htm |
| Boston University 617-353-3704 | http://www.bu.edu/library/ | http://library.bu.edu |
| Brandeis University 617-736-4670 | http://www.library.brandeis.edu | http://alice.mainlib.brandeis.edu:4525/F |
| Brown University 401-863-2167 | http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/University_Library/ | http://library.brown.edu/search |
| Harvard University Countway Med Library is not a member of the BLC 617-432-2138 | http://www.countway.med.harvard.edu/countway | http://hollis.harvard.edu/ |
| Marine Biology Laboratory / Woods Hole Institute 508-289-7002 | http://www.mblwhoilibrary.org/ | http://cornelia.who.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&PAGE=First |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology 617-253-5683 | http://libraries.mit.edu | http://library.mit.edu/F/?func=file&file_name=find-b |
| Northeastern University 617-373-2354 | http://www.lib.neu.edu/ | http://nucat.lib.neu.edu/search/ |
| State Library of Mass 617-727-2590 | http://www.mass.gov/lib/ | http://cmars.cwmars.org/search~S54/ |
| Tufts University 617-627-3460 | http://www.tufts.edu/source/libraries.html | http://www.library.tufts.edu/ |
| University of Connecticut | http://www.lib.uconn.edu/ | http://homerweb.lib.uconn.edu/ |
| U Mass at Amherst 413-545-0150 | http://www.library.umass.edu/ | http://umlibr.library.umass.edu/ |
| U Mass at Boston 617-287-5940 | http://www.lib.umb.edu/ | http://voyager.lib.umb.edu/ |
| U Mass at Dartmouth 508-999-8678 | http://www.lib.umassd.edu/ | http://voyager.lib.umb.edu/ |
| U Mass at Lowell 508-934-4554 | http://library.uml.edu/home/ | http://endeavor.uml.edu/ |
| U Mass Medical Center, Worcester 508-856-6857 | http://library.umassmed.edu/ | http://quin.umassmed.edu/ |
| University of New Hampshire | http://www.library.unh.edu/ | http://library.unh.edu/search/ |
| Wellesley College 617-283-2097 | http://www.wellesley.edu/Library/ | http://luna.wellesley.edu/search/ |
| Williams College 413-597-2501 | http://www.williams.edu/library/ | http://francis.williams.edu/ |

For more information about the Boston Library Consortium, contact a reference librarian at 617-638-4228 or refquest@medlib.bu.edu