More Books, More Resources, More Library

EMU/UM Student & Staff

Library Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement

During the summer of 2012, thanks to an initial effort by Regent Beth Fitzsimmons, EMU’s University Library worked with the University of Michigan’s library administration to coordinate a reciprocal borrowing plan for students and staff. EMU faculty have always had borrowing privileges at the University of Michigan Libraries, but this new agreement has added media borrowing privileges for our faculty. This agreement does not extend to off-campus access to UM databases. Should you have any issues at either institution regarding the procedure, or questions about the program, please ask for a circulation supervisor.

Begun in September, 2012, this pilot program allows our current students and staff to apply for borrowing privileges for the current term at UM. An online application form is available on our library homepage at: http://www.emich.edu/library/services/UM_Library_Card_request.pdf. This form, processed at our circulation desk, may be delivered in person or through an email attachment. Once we have verified eligibility, we send the information to the circulation desk at UM. The UM circulation desk will notify the student/staff when their card is ready to be picked up at the Hatcher Graduate Library.

This plan gives our students borrowing privileges at all UM Ann Arbor libraries, including the UM Flint campus. This new plan does not extend to the Ross Business School Library and the Law Library. UM’s Law Library does not circulate any of their materials, but if a member of our campus community wishes to use their library, accommodations can be made. The Ross Library participates in the Visiting Patron program through MelCat, http://elibrary.mel.org/, which allows all EMU faculty/staff/students to go to the Ross Library as a Visiting Patron and check circulating materials out with a valid EMU Eagle Card. UM Dearborn participates as a MelCat Visiting Patron, as well.

Most materials circulate for three weeks and may be renewed unless they are requested by another borrower. Items must be returned to UM. Be sure to check the location of materials at UM libraries before going to campus. UM is actively moving materials into storage. Once you see that an item is located at the Buhr Remote Storage Facility, you would request the item, then go to the Buhr Remote Storage Facility to retrieve the item(s). For information on Buhr go to http://www.lib.umich.edu/buhr-remote-shelving-facility

Additional information on this pilot program is available on the library homepage: http://www.emich.edu/library/services/um.php and at UM http://www.lib.umich.edu/borrowing-and-circulation/um-emu
Accessing materials not available in the Halle Library continues to be available through MelCat http://elibrary.mel.org/ and Interlibrary Loan http://www.emich.edu/library/services/ill/index.php

Check out the Participating Libraries link on the MelCat site including those that participate in Visiting Patrons http://www.emich.edu/library/services/ill/index.php

Please let your students know of this valuable resource now available to them, and take advantage of your new media borrowing privileges.

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