

Licensed Physicians who are NYS Residents

Licensed Physicians ("M.D." and "D.O.") who are residents of New York State are eligible to receive a NYS Library Physician Borrower's Card. These borrower's cards begin with a "P" number. A NYSL Physician Borrower's Card can also be issued to a physician's practice or group. A NYSL Physician Borrower's Card for a practice or group must be signed by one of the principal physicians and someone in the office must be designated as the office contact. (The office contact could be a librarian, physician's assistant, nurse, office manager, etc.)

With a NYS Library Borrower's Card you can:

- borrow materials from the State Library's 20 million item collection
- request materials in person, over the telephone (518-474-5355), via fax (518-474-5279), via email at circ@mail.nysed.gov or through Excelsior, the NYSL online catalog
- pick up materials onsite at the Circulation Desk or request that items be mailed to your office (See [Pick up and Delivery Options](#) for more information.)
- remotely access, from work or home, the Library's collection of [online databases](#) and millions of magazine, journal and newspaper articles available in over 20,000 full-text [online journals and newspapers](#)
- submit Interlibrary Loan requests for items not owned by the State Library in person at the Reference Desk, over the phone (518-474-5355), via [email](#) or online via [ILLiad](#)

Physicians must complete a NYSL Physician [Borrower's Card application](#)  and present personal photo-identification that includes their home address (such as a current NYS driver license or current photo-identification card issued by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles) AND verify their status as a physician by presenting one of the following:

- Physician License Number
- photo-identification card from their place of employment that identifies the individual as a physician
- listing in a current medical directory
- membership card from the American Medical Association or the Medical Society of the State of New York

Photocopies or scans are acceptable when mailing, faxing or e-mailing your proof of status.

NYSL Physician Borrower's cards must be renewed every two years. Have questions call the NYS Research Library Reference Desk at: 518-474-5355