

Manhattan Research Library Initiative (MaRLI)**What is MaRLI?**

The Manhattan Research Libraries Initiative (MaRLI) offers approved NYPL cardholders the ability to borrow select research library material for at-home use. Participation in MaRLI allows for 120 day, non-renewable loans on select library materials available at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, Science Industry and Business Library, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building. All requested material will be reviewed by staff for suitability for circulation prior to checkout. Additionally, MaRLI participants will be granted access to select materials owned by Columbia University and NYU.

Cardholders who have exhausted the resources of their home institution and are able to demonstrate a sustained research need supported by the participating libraries are invited to apply for MaRLI privileges. The pilot is geared towards full-time faculty and PhD students; other NYPL cardholders who would benefit from borrowing privileges for NYPL research collections and access/borrowing privileges for NYU and Columbia collections may apply as independent scholars.

How do I apply?

1. Make sure you have a current NYPL card. If you have not used your card recently, it may have expired. If you need to renew or apply for a card, you may register online and apply for MaRLI with your temporary barcode. You will have to visit an NYPL research center to complete your registration; if approved for MaRLI you may pick up your new library card at the same time.
2. Make sure you do not have any fines or fees on your library account before applying for MaRLI.
3. Make an appointment to meet with an NYPL librarian if you are unsure whether MaRLI is appropriate for your needs. Review the list of participating libraries. Note that some libraries and collections are excluded and some provide on-site access only.
4. Submit the online application for MaRLI. Describe your research project and make clear which participating collections support your needs.
5. Receive a decision by email within 5 business days. If the research justification in your application is not sufficient, you may be asked for more information and/or encouraged to meet with an NYPL librarian to determine your eligibility.
6. If approved, you will receive instructions about how to activate your privileges at NYPL, NYU, and Columbia.

The 2014-15 MaRLI application will open on September 2, 2014. Privileges granted for the 2014-15 academic year begin on the date the application is approved and expire on September 30, 2015.

More information:

<http://www.nypl.org/help/research-services/MaRLI>

MaRLI application:

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MaRLI participating libraries:

<http://marli.libguides.com/welcome>