

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

The New York Public Library (NYPL) and the libraries of Columbia University and New York University collaborate to provide access to the collections of all three institutions by any doctoral student or faculty member of their combined constituencies. CUNY doctoral students and CUNY doctoral faculty are the New York Public Library's primary academic constituents. CUNY Graduate Center affiliates may apply for MaRLI privileges (at Columbia and NYU) by virtue of the GC's long-standing special relationship with NYPL.

MaRLI registration is by the academic year. You may register in September (or later) for the full year ahead and renew each year, as needed, by submitting a new application.

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.

NYPL Guide to MaRLI:

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

MaRLI application:

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

MaRLI participating libraries:

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