INTERLIBRARY LOANS

The first HSLIC interlibrary loan (ILL) manual was published in 1977, when many health sciences libraries in Maine were still largely underdeveloped and the VA Medical Center was the only designated “union list center” for the entire HSLIC membership. We had no interconsortial borrowing agreements with other New England states, and the New England Medical Library Service (NERMLS) had just instituted its Region 1 quota system wherein every ILL request had to be accompanied by a stamp.

Since that time many new policies, procedures and automated systems have been introduced. Today most interlibrary loans are accomplished through Docline, the National Library of Medicine’s automated ILL system. Institutional members of HSLIC are required to be active users of DOCLINE. For more information on Docline consult the NN/LM New England Region Library Resource Management section (http://nnlm.gov/ner/rlm).

HSLIC GUIDELINES FOR DOCLINE CELLS

The Resource Sharing Committee had developed the following guidelines for placement of members in the DOCLINE routing cell tables. The intent of the guidelines is to provide for the protection of libraries in the higher cells from overuse of interlibrary loan requests. A library may find it appropriate to vary this scheme to accommodate its own affiliations. It is possible to place a library group (BHSL, Freeshare, etc.) within a cell. NLM recommends placing a group in a cell all by itself.

Libraries eligible for Cell 1:
- Aroostook (MEUGOU)
- Bridgton (MEUCDE)
- Dorothea Dix (MEUBAM)
- Franklin (MEUFCM)
- Maine General-A (MEUKVM)
- Mid Coast (MEURMB)
- Miles (MEUDEF)
- PenBay (MEUPBM)
- Redington Fairview (MEURFW)
- Rumford (MEURFD)
- Southern Maine Med (MEUWEB)
- St. Joseph Hospital (MEUSJY)
- St. Mary’s (MEUSMA)
- Stephens (MEUSMI)
- Waldo (MEUWAD)
- York (MEUYOR)

Libraries eligible for Cell 2 and above:
- CMCC (MEUCMN)
- EMCC (MEUEMV)
- Fdn Blood Res (MEUFBR)
- KVCC (MEUKKE)
- SMCC (MEUSOT)
- NMCC (MEUNMV)

Libraries eligible for Cells 3 and above:
- Husson (MEUHUS)
- Jackson Lab (MEUJKL)
- Maine General-W (MEUMMW)
- St. Joseph’s College (MEUSJT)
- U Maine Fort Kent (MEUMMK)
- U Maine Presque Isle (MEUIAX)
- U Southern Maine Lewiston (MEULWA)
Libraries eligible for Cells 4 and above:
- CMMC (MEUMLM)
- EMMC (MEUEMM)
- U Maine (MEUUMO)
- U New England (MEUUNE)
- U Southern Maine (MEUUSO)
- VA Maine (MEUVAT)

Libraries eligible for Cells 5 and above:
- Maine Medical Center (MEUMAN)

Maine Medical Center (MEUMAN) Maine Med would be willing to be placed as high as cell 3.

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