

Explanation of Open Borrowing and Courtesy Cardholders

Open Borrowing:

Open borrowing provides patrons from participating libraries outside of MAIN with walk-in only borrowing privileges at any MAIN library. Participating library consortia include PALS+, LMxAC and SWELL. Patrons that have been cleared for Open Borrowing by their home library will have a green Open Borrowing sticker on their card. Check to see if your library is a member of MAIN, PALS+, LMxAX, or SWELL by going to this link: <http://www.openborrowing.org/participants.shtml>

Courtesy:

An individual who **works in a member library's town** but who **does not reside in a community served by a MAIN member library**, and who is **not eligible for** Open Borrowing (please see above), may be eligible for a courtesy card. Courtesy service patrons may borrow materials over the counter at the issuing library and Morris County Library only. They may place holds for pick-up at either MCL or the issuing library, but other libraries reserve the right to limit items sent for courtesy service patrons.

The patron must present **current proof of employment in the member library town** – pay stub with the employer's local address, or a picture employee identification.