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+, LMxAC, 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.