How to find books in other libraries

If you are an Austin Seminary student who lives outside of Austin, there are ways to find books and borrow books from other libraries.

How to find books and other materials using World Cat
You can use World Cat to find books and other materials at libraries near where you live. World Cat will show you the libraries in your area that hold the materials you find. You can contact the library to see if community members can purchase cards and borrow materials. From the homepage for World Cat (www.worldcat.org), enter your term in the search box. You can also use the tabs along the top to limit to material type, or use the advanced search option.

Your list of results will look like this:

Use the boxes on the left to add limits to your search in order to narrow the results. You can limit by format, author, year published, language, content, and topic. The number in parentheses tells you how many items are in each category in your search results:
Once you find the item you are looking for the record will look like this:

Nearby libraries will appear on the left, and you can also enter your location below to get a list of libraries in your area that have the item. Click on Library Info to access the library's website and to get their phone number. You will need to call or visit the library to see if it is possible for you to check the item out. Even if you cannot check the item out, most libraries will allow you to read the material on site.

How to locate libraries in your area
To find a list of libraries in your area, visit World Cat (http://www.worldcat.org/). Below the search box, you will see a link for “Find a Library.” Click there to begin.
On the next screen enter your zip code.

If you have questions about using World Cat or finding materials at other libraries, please contact us at libraryiq@austinseminary.edu.