



The AcademicSHARE Pass Program

An AcademicSHARE Pass invites researchers, faculty, staff, and students to explore the wealth of resources available in Western New York's academic libraries.

How does the AcademicSHARE Pass Program work?

An AcademicSHARE Pass can be distributed by any participating "home library" to encourage your researchers, faculty, staff, and students to utilize the spaces and resources available in nearby academic libraries. The pass contains your patron's name and your library's contact information.

Western New York AcademicSHARE libraries have agreed to provide on-site access to resources for any pass holder. You can find a complete list of AcademicSHARE libraries on wnylrc.org.

Who can receive an AcademicSHARE Pass?

- High School Students - The pass may be used to facilitate class visits to nearby academic libraries or encourage students to visit on their own. An awareness of academic library services and collections can help your students prepare for the high school to college transition.
- Adults enrolled in any educational or workforce development program - Academic libraries provide access to large collections of print and digital resources essential for course assignments.
- Faculty and Staff - Educators can access resources unavailable through their own institutions.
- Researchers, College Students, and Patrons - Individuals may be referred to an academic library to access resources that are unavailable in or through their home library.

Who can distribute AcademicSHARE Passes?

Home libraries may be:

- School libraries that refer students (often through class visits) and faculty to academic libraries
- Public Libraries that refer patrons and researchers to academic libraries
- Special Libraries that refer researchers to academic libraries
- Academic Libraries that refer students, staff, and faculty to other academic libraries
 - *Remember: Academic libraries are welcome to distribute passes, but it is not necessary, as students, faculty, and staff are able to obtain visitation and borrowing privileges from any other AcademicSHARE library by only showing their college ID. A pass is not required per the AcademicSHARE agreement.*

The home library can issue passes to any individual they consider to be in "good standing."

What does an AcademicSHARE Pass provide access to?

The pass is an introduction to the academic library's physical collections and spaces and does not guarantee borrowing privileges or provide off-site access to digital resources. Borrowing and access privileges are left to

the library's discretion. If borrowing privileges are provided, pass holders must adhere to all policies and procedures of the academic library being visited. The academic library may ask the pass holder to complete a form to be added to the library's ILS to receive a community borrower or access card. The pass holder will be solely responsible for the safekeeping and timely return of library materials.

How do I sign up to distribute passes?

Interested members who wish to distribute passes are required to complete a yearly AcademicSHARE Pass Program participation form. All participating home libraries will be listed on wnylrc.org. A participation form can be found at <https://wnylrc.org/services/resourcesharing>.

Actual size of card is 3.5" x 2"

The image shows the back of an AcademicSHARE PASS card, which is a form. It has a black border and a decorative teal and light green geometric pattern on the right side. The form contains the following text and fields:

AcademicSHARE Pass

Pass holder Name

Issuing Library Name

Library Contact Name and Phone

By distributing this pass, I certify that the pass holder is a patron in good standing.