



The AcademicSHARE Pass Program

How does the AcademicSHARE Pass Program work?

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

All AcademicSHARE academic libraries have agreed to provide on-site access to resources for any AcademicSHARE 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 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 that are not available through their own institutions.
- Researchers and Patrons - Individuals may be referred to resources held at academic libraries from their public library or a special library.

Who can distribute AcademicSHARE Passes?

Home libraries may be:

- School libraries that refer students and faculty
- Public Libraries that refer patrons and researchers
- Special Libraries that refer researchers
- Academic Libraries that refer students, staff, and faculty

The home library can issue passes to any researchers, faculty, or students they consider to be in "good standing."

What does an AcademicSHARE Pass provide access to?

The pass serves as an introduction to the academic library and does not guarantee borrowing privileges. Borrowing and access privileges are left to the library's discretion. If borrowing privileges are provided, researchers, faculty, and high school students must adhere to all policies and procedures of the academic library being visited. The visited 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 and may incur a fine or charge if materials are lost or not returned.

How do I sign up to distribute passes?

Interested members who wish to provide their researchers, faculty, staff, or students with 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/resource-sharing>.