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Texshare Card Program

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To take advantage of the TexShare Card Program, just follow these simple steps:

1. Register for and receive a TexShare Card from your home library.
2. Consult the TexShare web site to see the list of **libraries which participate** [3] in the Card program and the specific lending policies of the library you wish to visit.
3. Present your TexShare card at the reciprocating library's circulation desk to activate your checkout privileges. You may be required to show a photo I.D.
4. Select the books you wish to borrow and check them out at the circulation desk. Remember that late fees will be assessed for lost, late, or damaged materials.
5. When you're finished with the materials, return them to the lending library either in person or by first-class mail.

Texshare Databases

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