

SRCS FAQ – Updated June 2019

What is SRCS?

SRCS, Indiana's Statewide Remote Circulation Service, links together the catalogs of multiple Indiana libraries into a single interface which allows authorized users to search the library collections of over 200 Hoosier libraries and then to place requests for materials owned by any of those participating libraries. The requested materials will be delivered to the user's home library for their use.

How do you pronounce SRCS?

SRCS is pronounced like "Circs"

What does SRCS do?

The purpose of SRCS is to offer a virtual Indiana union catalog for participating libraries through which patrons can request materials from other participating library systems and have them delivered to their local library using the InfoExpress library courier.

How big is this virtual union catalog?

As of June 2019, there are over 200 libraries participating in SRCS – 48 academic, 154 public, and 2 special libraries, including the Indiana State Library.

Does this mean I can borrow anything that I find in the SRCS Catalog?

No. Each library defines the materials that they are willing to offer through SRCS. Typically this excludes items in reference collections or items in high demand locally.

Is there a list of the libraries that are participating?

Yes. A list of the libraries participating in SRCS is available at <http://in.gov/library/SRCS.htm>.

What happens if my library isn't participating?

Participation in SRCS is strictly voluntary. Each library gets to decide whether they want to participate or not.

Are there any hidden costs for my library?

There are no hidden costs, however based upon our experience with a similar functionality; we are advising that participating libraries could see an increase in the volume of resource sharing both from their collection and for their patrons.

How long do materials circulate on SRCS?

The recommendation of the Resource Sharing Committee is for the minimum loan period for all materials in SRCS to be 21 days.

How are renewals handled?

Patrons can log into SRCS and view the status or request renewals for their active requests. It is up to the owning library to either grant or deny this renewal request.

How do I get more information about SRCS?

Contact Statewide Services at the Indiana State Library at StatewideServices@library.in.gov or 1-800-451-6028 if you need more information about the SRCS program.