

Alternate Card Services for Alberta Public Library Cardholders

Guide for Library Staff

ME Libraries

- Alberta Wide Borrowing -

WHY?

ME Libraries service is for patrons wishing to borrow from a public library within Alberta other than their home branch/system.

HOW?

Patrons self-register online at melibraries.ca. Library staff at the home or host location may help patrons register. The patron's home library card acts as their ME card. (ME Libraries registration takes only a couple of minutes to complete. The patron's record from their home library is automatically copied into the host library's ILS). Patrons under 18 must register in person at the host location.

**No separate card is required.*

WHAT?

ME Libraries patrons go in person to borrow from the physical collections of the ME Libraries they have selected on the ME Libraries website. Holds may be placed at participating libraries, and must be picked up at the selected host library (not their home library).

**Online resources are restricted from use due to licensing rules.*

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For more information and FAQs, visit:
melibraries.ca/help

TAL Card

- The Alberta Library -

WHY?

The TAL Card is for patrons wishing to borrow from an academic or special library within Alberta.
(technically also public libraries)

HOW?

First step: a patron normally requests a TAL Card at the home library and he or she will receive a separate TAL Card. (OR the patron may request a TAL Card at the host library and staff will call the home library to confirm that the patrons' membership is current.)

Second step: The patron takes the TAL Card to the host library where a barcode will be applied and staff will manually create a patron record on the host library's ILS.

WHAT?

TAL Card patrons go in person to borrow from the physical collections of any TAL Library where they have registered. Holds are not permitted.

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www.thealbertalibrary.ab.ca/services/tal-card



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