



SWIFT/CSL Update: Nov 2025

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Colorado Libraries Collaborate

- Colorado's reciprocal borrowing program since 1991
- Allows patrons of member libraries to borrow directly from other member libraries
- Most Colorado libraries participate, in theory...



Colorado Libraries Collaborate

A little history...

- Conceived and implemented in 1991
 - Originally known as: Colorado Library Card



Colorado Libraries Collaborate

- A little history...
 - Revisited in 2017
 - Revised/refreshed program guidelines to address library technology and privacy landscape changes
 - Promotional/awareness campaign to address staff and patron confusion

Colorado Libraries Collaborate

- CLC Member Libraries
 - Extend lending privileges
 - Eliminate non-resident fees
 - Establish process for issuing barcodes
 - Educate library staff about CLC
 - Promote CLC among community



Colorado Libraries Collaborate

- CLC Resources
 - [CLC Member Libraries](#)
 - [CLC Program Guidelines](#)
 - [CLC for Libraries](#)
 - [CLC for Borrowers](#)
 - [CLC Marketing and Promotion](#)
 - [Sample CLC Policy](#)
 - Contact: clc@coloradovirtuallibrary.org



Colorado Libraries Collaborate

- Today...
 - Questions from libraries
 - What is CLC?
 - Who signed on behalf of my institution?
 - Can my library opt out?
 - Are we in compliance in terms of:
 - Privileges?
 - Registration requirements?

Colorado Libraries Collaborate

- Today...
 - Question from patrons
 - Why was I denied a card at a participating institution?
 - Why do CLC policies vary from one institution to another?
 - I was given a card but I can't access Libby/Kanopy/etc.
 - Why can't I sign up online?
 - Can you remove an institution from the participation list?

Colorado Libraries Collaborate

- **Full Access/CLC:** Colorado residents 18 years or older with photo ID and valid Colorado mailing address may register for a library card. To acquire a library card for a child under 18 years of age, the child's parent or legal guardian must present a photo ID and must accompany the child to the library. Bemis Public Library participates in **Colorado Libraries Collaborate (CLC)**, enabling Colorado residents who do not live in Littleton to register for full access cards with photo ID.

Residents in PCCLD's service area are expected to register for a library card to use PCCLD's public use computers. Colorado residents living outside of PCCLD's service area may be eligible to apply for a nonresident library through the **Colorado Libraries Collaborate (CLC)** program. Nonresident library card holders have the same access to PCCLD's public computers as resident library card holders and do not need to obtain a temporary visitor pass.

B. Colorado Libraries Collaborate Card

PPLD participates in the network of libraries throughout the state that make up the **Colorado Libraries Collaborate (CLC)** program. Through the CLC program, member libraries extend lending privileges to patrons of other [CLC member libraries](#). State residents outside of PPLD boundaries may obtain library cards at any participating library. A PPLD non-resident card is issued with borrowing privileges for physical items and remote access to some online resources. Access to other resources and most licensed databases is only available to CLC cardholders within PPLD facilities. Interlibrary loans and purchase requests are not available to CLC cardholders.

Colorado Resource Sharing Best Practices

- Winter 2025: Completed an analysis of other states' more recently adopted best practices
 - Identified and filled gaps
 - Revised unclear language
 - Added context to pre-amble
 - Removed dated content
 - Shifted content to system specific best practices
 - Updated links and added resources
- Spring 2025: Gathered Feedback on Draft
- Summer/Fall 2025: Reviewed and Incorporated Feedback

Colorado Resource Sharing Best Practices

- Next Steps
 - Final opportunity to comment Nov. 18 - Dec. 15
 - Submit comments via form: [Colorado Interlibrary Loan Best Practices - Public Comment Form](#)
 - Includes links to current best practices and undated best practices draft document