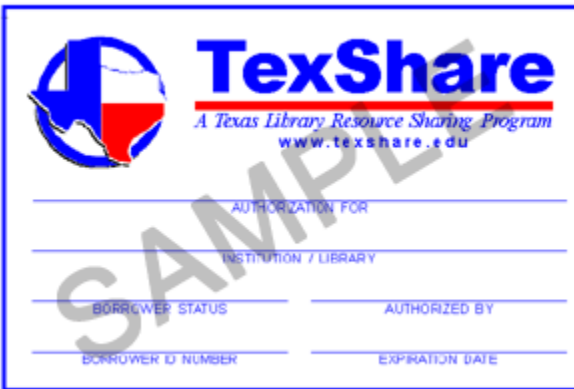


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A TexShare Card provides you with borrowing privileges from more than 500 participating libraries across the state.

General Information

TexShare - is a consortium of Texas libraries joining together to share print and electronic materials. Member libraries participating in the program can issue patrons a **TexShare Card**, which permits them to directly borrow books, music, movies and more from over 500 participating TexShare libraries.

Online LSC-PA students may apply for a TexShare Borrower's Card from a public library located near your residence. Borrowers are responsible for returning materials to the owning library.

The TexShare Borrower's Card will enable you to utilize all college and university libraries in your area that are affiliated with TexShare.

For a list of TexShare card libraries and their loan rules, you can visit the [TexShare Library Information page](#). TexShare is how the State of Texas supports library resource sharing for the citizens of Texas. TexShare also provides a core of electronic databases that are made available through academic, public, and medical libraries throughout the state.

Find your public library is a **TexShare** member [at this link](#). [Click here](#) to find a participating **TexShare** Library near you.

For more information about the TexShare Card Program and a list of available databases [click here](#).

Use the [Find-A-Library](#) app to see if your home library participates in the **TexShare Card Program**. Your library may provide information on their policies and procedures for issuing you a card in the “Eligibility” section of their lending agreement. For example, some libraries impose a waiting period between your initial registration as a borrower and issuing you a TexShare Card. Libraries may also refuse to issue TexShare Cards to borrowers who have unpaid fines or charges. If you cannot find information on your library’s policies or if you have questions, contact the library.

The first time you visit a library to use your TexShare Card, be sure to bring a photo ID, your library card from your home library, and your TexShare Card. You’ll be asked to complete a registration form in order to activate your borrowing privileges at that library.

You have responsibilities as a TexShare Card holder. You should become familiar with the policies and restrictions of the lending library, as failure to abide by library policies may result in revocation of your borrowing privileges. If a lending library reports that you have lost books or failed to pay fines, your home library may take appropriate action, including suspension of borrowing privileges at your home library and revocation of your TexShare Card.

Despite the name, a TexShare Card does not provide access to TexShare Databases.

On-campus LSC-PA students and employees in good standing with the Gates Library may obtain a TexShare Borrower's Card at the Circulation Desk. Cards are good for the semester in which they are issued and allow the card holder to borrow materials directly from other participating TexShare libraries. Each TexShare library establishes their own lending rules and there are guidelines for obtaining a card. Borrowers are responsible for returning materials to the owning library.

Please read the information below concerning TexShare cards.

- Student TexShare cards must be renewed each semester.
- Faculty/Staff TexShare cards must be renewed yearly.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled or employed at LSC-PA to be issued a TexShare card.

If you need further assistance, please ask a librarian, in person or online [Ask a Librarian](#)

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