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## Summary

This policy governs library services provided to members of the State University of New York (University) community.

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## Policy

The library of any State University of New York (University) campuses will provide direct service, including in-person loan of unrestricted and available library materials to any eligible member of the University community. Reserve collections may be considered restricted material. Library materials are defined as those materials which are under an individual library's administration.

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## Definitions

**Eligible members of the University** – persons currently enrolled in or employed by a campus of the State University of New York. Members of the University who are continuing their association with the University in the next full semester are also eligible for open-access privileges between semesters.

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## Other Related Information

[Interlibrary Loan Charges](#)  
[Public Access to SUNY Libraries](#)

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## Procedures

[Open Access to State University Libraries. Procedures for](#)

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## Forms

There are no forms relevant to this policy.

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## Authority

The following link to FindLaw's [New York State Laws](#) is provided for users' convenience; it is not the official site for the State of New York laws.

[NYS Education Law § 249-a](#) (Libraries of public institutions of higher education; access and use).

In case of questions, readers are advised to refer to the New York State Legislature site for the menu of [New York State Consolidated](#).

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## History

Memorandum to presidents from the office of the chancellor, dated January 30, 1974

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## Appendices

There are no appendices relevant to this policy.