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## Summary

This is the policy governing access by the public to State University of New York (University) libraries.

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## Policy

It is the policy of the State University of New York (University) that the public is given access to University libraries insofar as possible. Since implementation of this policy has fiscal and administrative implications, campuses may extend the facilities of their libraries to the public whenever it can be done and in a manner that is both fiscally sound and consistent with their primary educational mission.

Public access to the library collections is also available through interlibrary loan (including the New York State Inter-Library Loan [NYSILL] network), through the Regional Reference and Research (3R's) Systems and through local cooperative arrangements with other institutions.

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## Definitions

There are no definitions relevant to this policy.

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## Other Related Information

[Interlibrary Loan Charges](#)

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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 executive vice chancellor, dated July 10, 1974

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## Appendices

There are no appendices relevant to this policy.