



Welcome

## Spring 2023 Peabody Info Session FAQ

### **What happens if an item is requested through Peabody that is available and could be borrowed for less cost from MeL?**

When searching for a requested item in WorldShare ILL, only WPLC's holdings in WorldCat are reflected. If an item is marked as "held" by one of our libraries, WPLC will verify availability through MeL and reach out to your ILL contact about whether they wish to proceed with the WorldShare ILL request. However, if WPLC has no holdings for an item, WorldShare ILL has no other indicators that an item may be available through MeL due to the catalogs' holdings being separate and updated independently of each other.

Please screen all requests carefully and use a variety of searches when checking MeL for item availability. WPLC will attempt to identify requests like these, but WPLC does not have sufficient staff to thoroughly check MeL in addition to WorldCat for each item requested.

### **How does WPLC decide whom to request items from?**

Upon receiving a request in WorldShare for an item, WPLC will search the item in MeL and check its holders against the list of our ILL participants. While we will only receive requests in WorldShare for items that WPLC has holdings for, WPLC will request from any ILL participants that are listed as having an available copy in MeL. Attempts are made to balance lending requests among participants based on the number of borrowing requests made by participants (i.e., if you place more requests to borrow from OCLC, you will receive more requests to lend to OCLC), but items with limited holders means that some libraries receive requests to loan more frequently than others.

**If you have additional questions about Peabody/WorldShare ILL that are not answered by existing documentation, please reach out to [interloans@wplc.org](mailto:interloans@wplc.org).**