



What is Circuit?

Circuit is a service designed to allow library users from participating libraries to quickly borrow books from other Circuit libraries if the books are not owned by their home library or if their library's copy is already checked-out.

Current Circuit participating libraries:

- California State University, San Marcos
- San Diego County Libraries
- San Diego State University
- University of California, San Diego
- University of San Diego

To be added in the future:

- San Diego Public Libraries

How do I as an Alliant Library patron get books from the Circuit?

As a resident of San Diego, you can go to any San Diego County Library and get your library card and barcode, then request books from Circuit. You could pick them up at any County Library. It works very similar to LINK+.

What is the San Diego Library Consortium?

The San Diego Library Consortium is a group that comprises San Diego's major public and private university libraries - UC San Diego, San Diego State, University of San Diego, and Cal State San Marcos - together with the San Diego Public and County Libraries. The Consortium's goal is to create a network of libraries (The Circuit) that will eventually allow thousands of San Diego County residents to request books from participating libraries via computer and receive them at their home library. Once fully implemented, the total number of items available through the Circuit would be more than 7.5 million.

Where is Circuit available?

Circuit may be accessed directly at [The Circuit](http://130.191.17.20/) (http://130.191.17.20/) or while using the library catalogs of the currently participating libraries.

What's available using Circuit?

Items listed as "available" in Circuit are available for borrowing. Generally, this means books.

How long does a Circuit request take?

Generally, items will be received at your library within 24-48 hours (Weekends, holidays and university calendars may affect this schedule).

How long can Circuit items be kept?

- The loan period is 21-28 days with from 1-3 renewals depending on your library's policy.
 - The overdue fine for items returned after the due date is typically \$1.00 per day per item although your library's policy may vary.
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How many Circuit requests can be made?

The maximum number of requests and checked out items allowed at any given time is 20. (NOTE: Items returned to your library will count against this limit until they are received at their owning library.)

How to do I check the status of a Circuit request?

Borrowers may monitor the status of Circuit requests in the 'View Your...Record' option of their local catalog. Items whose status appears as 'RECV'D' are ready for pickup.

How do I to cancel a Circuit request?

A Circuit request can be cancelled in the 'View Your...Record' option of your local catalog under "Held Items." If an item still has a 'REQUESTED' status, it may be cancelled. (NOTE: Your local system may not be configured to offer this option. For information on canceling requests, inquire at the Circulation Dept. of your library.)
