



# Expanding Your Collections Through Collaboration

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# ECU's Teaching Resources Center & the Educator Card

- Teaching Resources Center
  - <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-lib/trc/index.cfm>
- Educator Card
  - <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-lib/trc/educard.cfm>

# Methods of Resource Sharing

- Cooperative Borrowing
  - School and partner libraries agree to share
  - Teachers &/or students go to other libraries, get cards in own names, checkout items
  - Patrons return items to the other libraries
- Interlibrary Loan
  - School and partner libraries agree to share
  - Materials & articles are sent to the school in the school's name, given to patrons
  - School returns materials to the other libraries

# Possible Partner Libraries

- Other K-12 schools
- Public Libraries
- Community Colleges
- Private Colleges & Universities
- Public Universities
- Other Organizations (for special materials)

# Resource Sharing Benefits

- Expands access to materials without needing more space or upfront money
- Obtains only materials patrons want
- Creates bonds between libraries
- Connects students and teachers to other libraries for year-long and lifetime enrichment and enjoyment

# Resource Sharing Challenges

- School or district rules
- Partner libraries can have differing circulation policies: due dates, overdue fees, etc.
- Time: traveling or waiting for shipment
- Cost: traveling or packing & shipping
- Risk: damage to others' materials
- Privacy



## Next Steps

- Register for ECU's Educator Card and Educator Card School Service *(if nearby)*
- Discuss interest and possibilities with your school and with surrounding libraries



# Questions

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