

The dictionary definition reads; "interlibrary loan" a system by which one library obtains a work for a user by borrowing it from another library.

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