Link+ is a consortium of academic and public libraries within California and Nevada that provides a single searchable catalog and user-initiated borrowing service. Books and some media items that are not owned by Saint Mary’s College may be requested online and will be delivered by a daily (Monday-Friday) van service.

Who Is Eligible?

Only current Saint Mary’s College students, faculty, and staff may request items through Link+. Anyone can use Link+ to check the holdings of participating libraries.

Which Libraries Participate in Link+?

For a list of participating Link+ libraries:
- Visit the Link+ catalogue at http://csul.iii.com
- Click on “What is Link+?” located at the top-left of the page.
- For a list of participating libraries, click the “Member Libraries” option.

For a list of participating Pick-Up-Elsewhere and Visiting Patron Libraries:
- Click on “Link+ Requesting and Borrowing” located at the top-left of the page.
- Click on the “Pick-up Elsewhere” or “Visiting Patron” options for more information.

Why Should I Use Link+?

Users can search the combined catalog to find the items they need. Requests may be placed from home or office. Borrowers can monitor the progress of requests at any time by viewing their library records. And finally, the Link+ service generally provides faster item delivery than traditional interlibrary borrowing services because items are delivered by courier van rather than postal services.

How Do I Use Link+?

Click on Link+ from the library’s homepage. When you find an item you want, click on the “Request This Item” option and follow the instructions.

What Do I Need to Request Items Using Link+?

Borrowers need a current SMC email account and a valid library record to request Link+ items. When prompted in the catalog, enter your SMC email user name and password.

How Long Does a Link+ Request Take?

The time between making a request for an available item and its arrival at the SMC library is approximately 2-3 business days. Items must be picked up within 10 days.

How Long May I Use a Link+ Item?

The loan period for Link+ books is 21 days with one three-week renewal if there are no holds on the item. Media items will be lent for either 7 or 21 days with one renewal depending on the lending institution.

What Are the Fines if Items Are Late or Lost?

The overdue fine for items returned after the due date is $1 per day per item. Replacement costs for Link+ items are $100 per item, plus a $15 billing fee, for a total of $115 per item.

How Many Link+ Items May I Request?

Borrowers are allowed to have 75 items at any one time (any combination of SMC and Link+ items).

How Can I Check on the Status of My Link+ Request?

Requests may be monitored by checking your Albert Record located under “My Library Accounts” on the Library homepage. Link+ requests are listed under “Holds.” When the status is listed as “Link+ Recv’d” the item is ready for pickup.

May I Borrow Directly From Other Link+ Libraries?

Yes! Users may borrow directly using the VISITING PATRON OPTION. Simply visit the Link+ library of your choice. Locate the items you wish to borrow. Take the items to the Circulation Desk and present your SMC ID card. You may be asked to identify your “home” library, e.g., Saint Mary’s College. That’s all there is to it! The same loan periods apply. All conditions-of use are the same as standard Link+ service. Items may be returned to the library from which they were borrowed or to Saint Mary’s College library.

Pick Up Elsewhere

Link+ now offers you the option of having your Link+ item delivered to a location more convenient for you. It’s easy to use. After locating and requesting the item you want, you’ll see a new option that says “Pick-up Institution.” Click on the pull down menu to see the Link+ participating libraries and select the one most convenient for you. You may also need to select a pickup location depending on the institution.

At that library, simply present your SMC ID for verification and the item will be checked out to you directly. You may
return the book to that library or to the Saint Mary’s College library, or to any other participating library in the Link+ consortium.

For questions about Link+ policies, please ask at the library’s Circulation Desk or call (925) 631-4229.