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Individuals can also request a New York State Library Borrower's Card application or a New York State Resident Borrower's Card application one of the following ways:

- at the Circulation Desk located on the 7th floor of the New York State Library
- over the phone by calling the Circulation Desk at (518) 473-7895
- by sending an email to nyslcirc@mail.nysed.gov

Please specify the type of NYSL Borrower's card that you are applying for.

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