Getting Books from Other Libraries in I-Share

IIT doesn’t have the book I want. How can I get it?
When you can’t find a book in the IIT library catalog or you need to find several books about a subject, you should search the I-Share catalog. The I-Share catalog compiles over 76 Illinois academic libraries’ book catalogs into one giant catalog. Items available in I-Share are shipped to IIT in about 3 business days, or you can visit any member library to directly borrow an item.

How can I get to the I-Share catalog? How does it work?
Go to http://library.iit.edu/books and click on the I-Share catalog link to go directly into I-Share. If you are searching the IIT library catalog, all you need to do is select “All I-Share Libraries” before clicking “find” for your search.

The I-Share catalog has the same search functionality as the IIT library catalog. You can search by title, keyword, or author, set limits using the options on the right-hand column, and view detailed records by clicking on the titles.

I found a book I want to borrow, how do I get it?
[Special note: Occasionally a book will appear in the I-Share catalog but is not available to request. An available status is not a guarantee that you can request a book. The status simply means that the book is on the shelves at that library, but it may have restrictions that prevent requests from other libraries.]

Click on the title of the book to open the full record. Click on Request 1st Available.
You will then be asked to login to the catalog.

All first time users must create a new account. Your “Borrower ID” is your IIT ID number (found on the front of your IIT ID card, usually A20…). This guide shows you how to make an account.

Select your pick-up library and location after logging in though your account. You can have the book sent to another school’s library from the list if that is more convenient for you.

Hit the Request button and the message “Request submitted. Click here for status” appears.

How will I know when the book is here?
You will receive an email to your IIT email address. You can also check the status at any time by logging into your I-Shares/IIT account from our homepage or from within either catalog.