

How access to the online resources is determined

Databases to which all libraries subscribe:

- First we check to see if the patron is in an SCLS library whose IP address we have on file. If the patron is identified as being in an SCLS library, the patron is granted access automatically.
- If it cannot be determined that the patron is in an SCLS library, the patron is prompted for their library card number. If the patron is in our authentication database or files, they are granted access.

Databases to which only some libraries subscribe:

- First we check to see if the patron is in an SCLS library whose IP address we have on file. If the patron is identified as being in an SCLS library, **we check if the library subscribes to the resource the patron has requested.** If so, the patron is granted access automatically.
- If it cannot be determined that the patron is in a subscribing SCLS library, the patron is prompted for their library card number. If the patron is in our authentication database or files, **we look at the patron's "home library". If the home library a subscribing library,** the patron is granted access.

Notes for LINKcat libraries:

- "home library" for LINKcat libraries is the "home agency" associated with the patron's card in LINKcat, and the location to which the hold pickup defaults.
- LINKcat card numbers belonging to institutions and used for ILL/OLL will not have access to online databases
- New cards, renewals, and card changes for LINKcat patrons will not take effect for database access (and Library Online) until the following day.