

Are you a
Researcher?

Are you
**working on a
local studies
project?**

Are you **doing
a course and
need more
resources?**

Are you
an **Aspiring
Author?**

Cork PAL Access Card...
opening doors to a wealth
of resources!

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Access Card Information

The Cork PAL scheme aims to facilitate access to information and materials available across a broad range of libraries and archives throughout the Cork region.

For further information
Visit: www.library.ie/pal

Contact: corkpal@librarycouncil.ie



What is Cork PAL?

CorkPAL aims to make library resources in a broad range of libraries throughout the Cork region easily accessible to all. Libraries and archives that are members of the Cork PAL scheme work collaboratively to provide improved, easy access to the wealth of resources held in their collections. Cork PAL is part of the Pathways to Learning programme initiated by the Committee on Library Co-operation in Ireland (COLICO), which aims to create a seamless route to information resources by opening up access to a wide range of library and archive collections - academic, public and specialised.

How can Cork PAL help me?

If you are following a recognised educational course, an individual learning programme, or simply pursuing a special interest of your own you can ask for a Cork PAL Access Card at the library you use on a regular basis. The Access Card will allow you to visit and make use of the facilities at any of the libraries that are members of the Cork PAL scheme (subject to certain conditions). You will be able to get advice and information from your own library on which other libraries in the scheme are likely to have the resources to meet your learning and Information needs.



Why do I need an Access Card?

Many of the libraries in the scheme are run primarily for the members of that particular institution and are not normally open to the general public. The Cork PAL Access Card tells the staff at the library you are visiting that you are a genuine learner and that your special requirements for knowledge and information cannot be dealt with by your own library.

As a Cork PAL Access Card Holder will I have unlimited access to the services of these libraries?

Your level of access will be determined by the library you are visiting. At a minimum you will be allowed to consult printed materials. Internet and electronic resources cannot normally be used in academic libraries unless you are a student of that organisation, due to licence agreements. The staff will explain this to you and answer your questions.

How do I get a Cork PAL Access Card?

It's very simple:

- Discuss your learning and information needs with staff in your own library
- Complete the Cork PAL Application Form attached to this leaflet, or available at: www.library.ie/pal and present it to the staff at your library with evidence of your library membership
- Contact the library you intend to visit for an appointment
- Go to the library or libraries which have the material you need and present your Cork PAL Access Card and I.D.

Which libraries will I be able to use?

Member libraries include public libraries, universities and a number of specialist libraries with medical collections. For a full list of participating libraries visit www.library.ie/pal.

Check before you visit to make sure that your journey is not wasted. You should also check opening times. The rules in any library you visit may be different from your own library - please respect them.

Don't forget...if you need a specific book it can be obtained through the Inter-Library Loan system and you may not need to travel to another library.