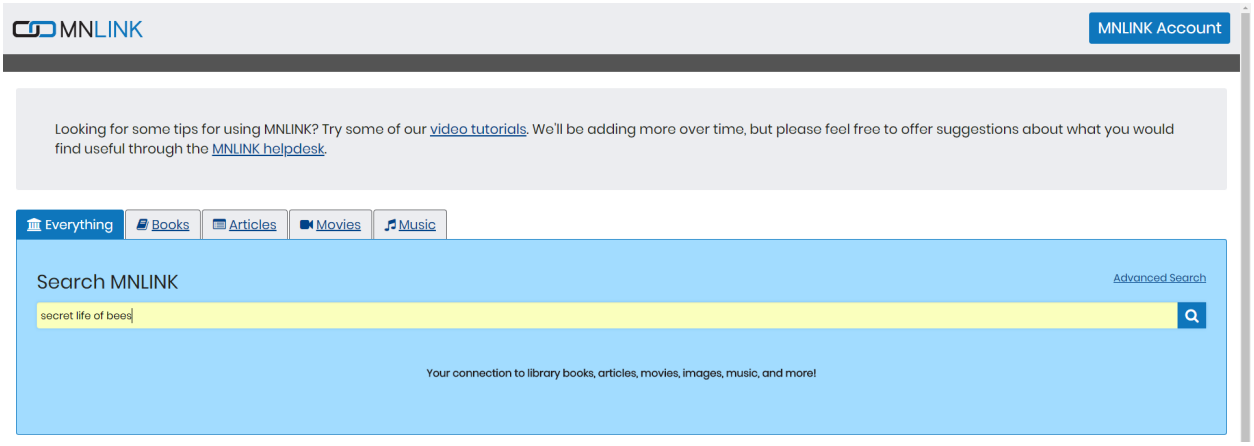
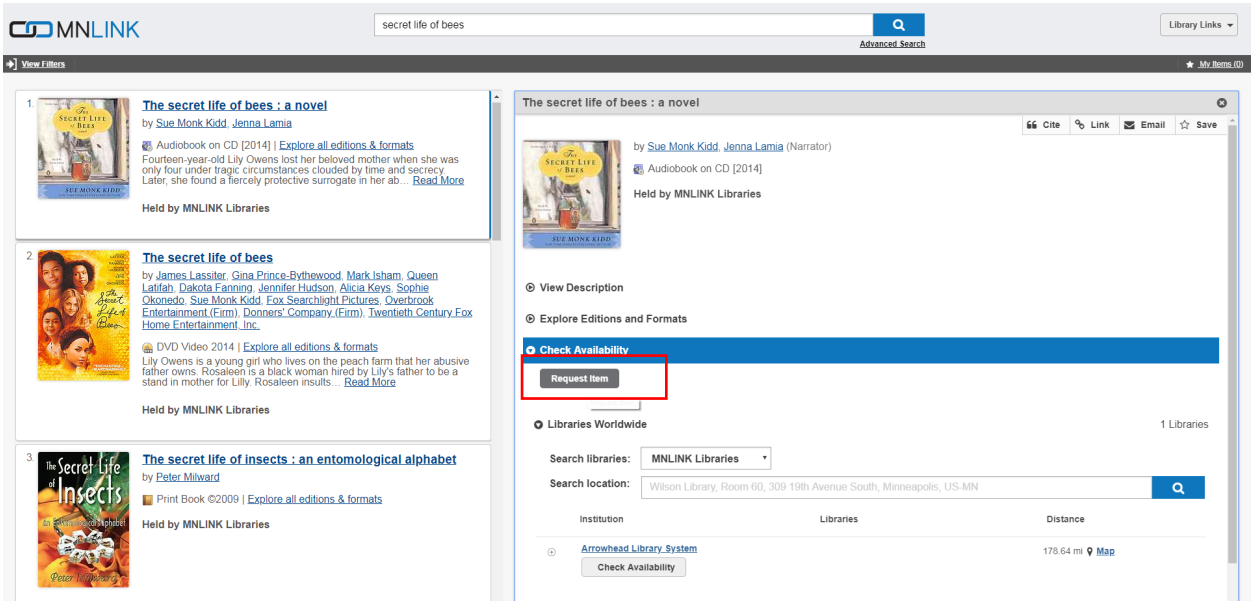
MNLINK discovery and Alma

MnPALS patrons can search MNLINK https://mnlink.org/ and create resource sharing requests.

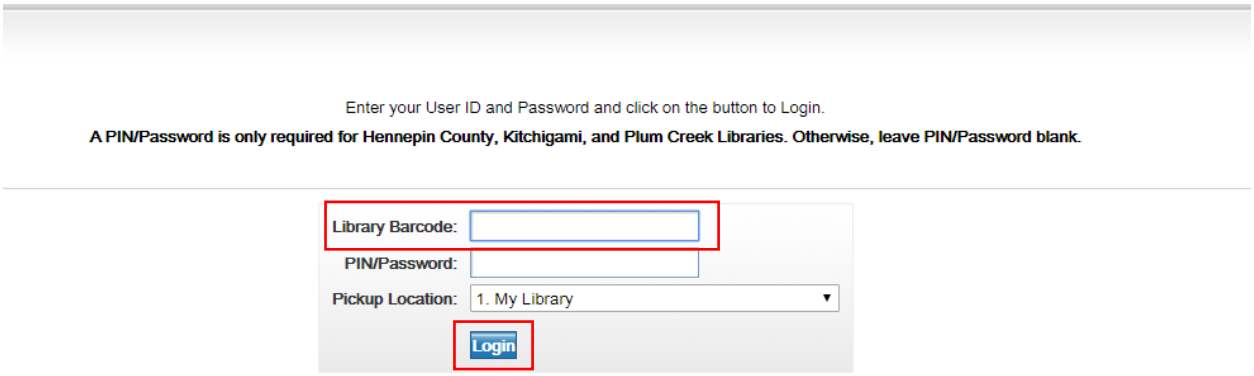
A patron can search MNLINK



Find the title they want to request and click on “Request Item”.



The patron will be presented with a login screen. The patron does not need to use a “PIN/Password”. If the patron enters a “PIN/Password” it is ignored. The “Pickup Location” can be left as the default value of “1. My Library”.



“Library Barcode”- The patron needs to use their library barcode to login.

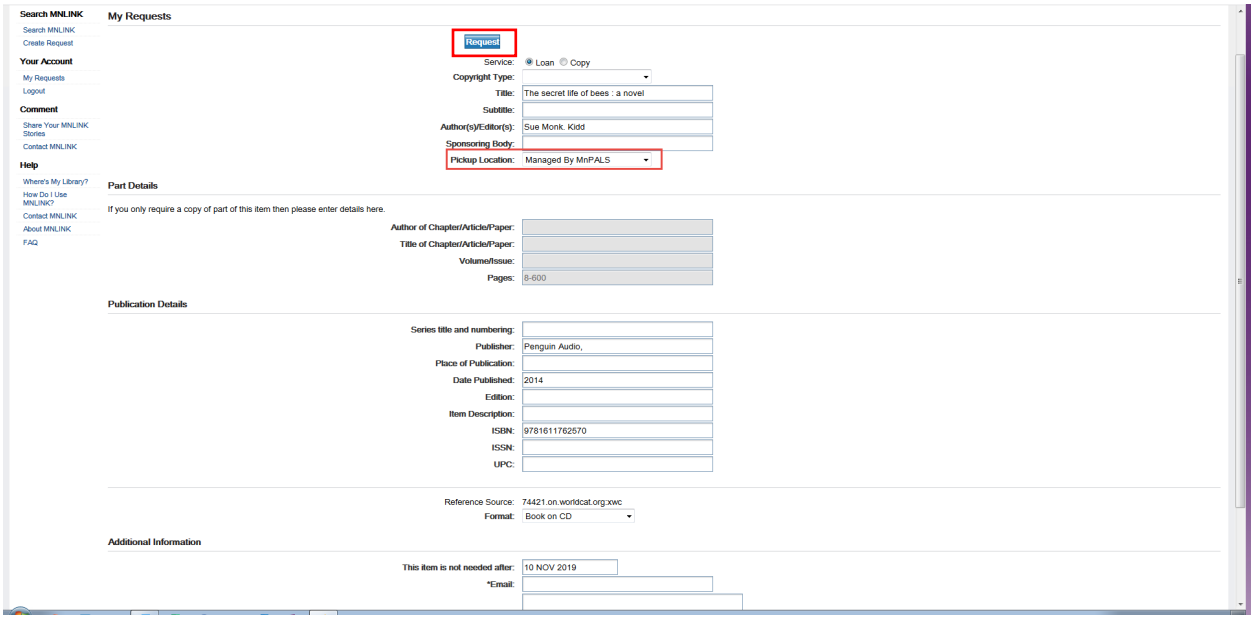
“PIN/Password”- This field can be left blank.

“Pickup Location”- Leave as 1. My Library.

“Login”- click on “Login” to submit the form

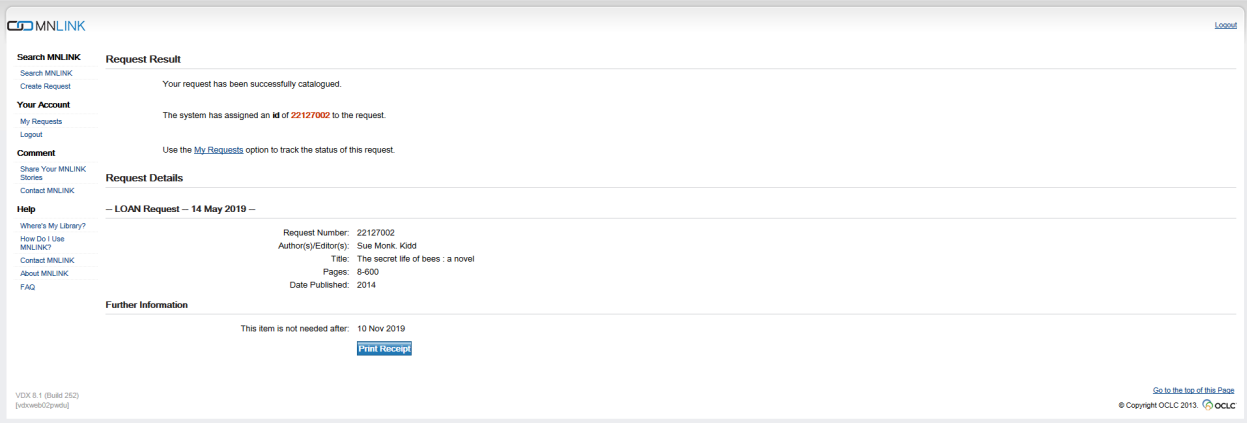
Information about the selected item will download into a request form. The “Pickup Location” must have the text “Managed By MnPALS”. This text should already be in this field. If it is not the patron should select it.

The patron must click on “Request” to enter the request. There is a “Request” link at the top and bottom of the form.

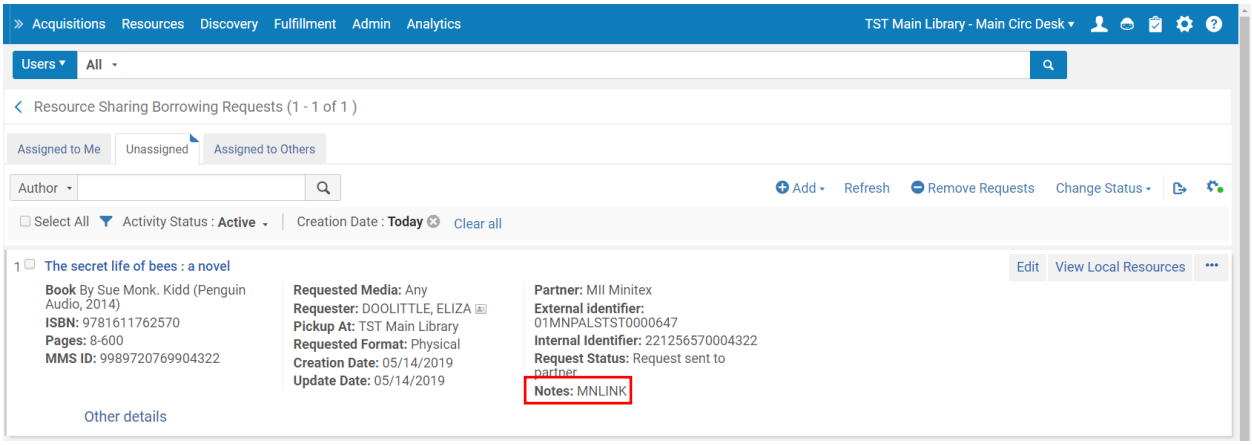
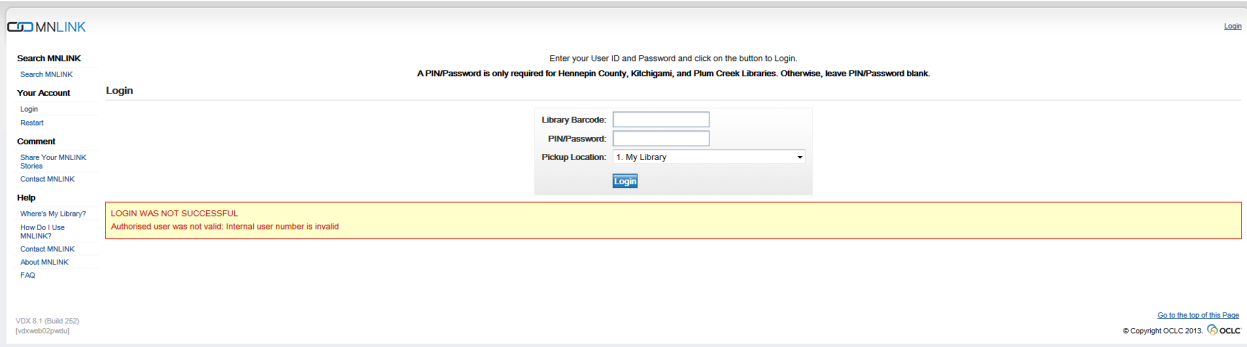


The patron will get a confirmation of the request. The request will be transferred into Alma. The patron will see this request in Primo. Library staff will update this request in Alma.

The transfer time from MNLINK to Alma is about five minutes.



The patron's request is in Alma. In the "Notes" field the text MNLINK shows where the patron created the request.



A patron with a blocked or expired library card will not be able to login to MNLINK. The patron will get a message "Login was not successful". The patron's record will need to be corrected in Alma.