Column D contains a link to the library’s catalog.

The link is to the individual library catalog. If it’s a library that belongs to a network, the link is to the library specific catalog (when possible).

I’ve also included links to the network catalogs. For example, here’s the entry for “Bibliomation” and their network catalog. If you search the network catalog, you’ll see all of the libraries in the network that own the item. When you find the item you want to borrow, you’ll have to cross-reference it with the libraries on the policy to see if they will lend it.
Searching Catalogs on the CT ILL Policy

Why search individual library catalogs to find an item?

1. You want to make sure a library owns the item you need before you request it.

2. You want to check the circulation status of the item to make sure the item is not checked out before you place the request.

3. You want to note the shelf location and call number so you can put that information on the request when you send it to the lending library so they don’t have to look it up.
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Suggestions:

1. All libraries on the policy are willing to lend. Try to spread your lending requests among the libraries on the policy so that no library gets overwhelmed with the majority of requests.

2. When you find an item you wish to request, include a “Permalink” or “Link to this item,” (if available in the library’s catalog) in the ILL request. That will help the lending library as they can click the link and go right to the record of the item you are requesting. It also will help should have to have go back to that specific record.

Note:
Requests for multiple copies of a book can be sent without checking library catalogs. You can request multiple copies using the CT-InterlibraryLoan e-mail list. More information on that at: http://mylist.net/listinfo/ct-interlibraryloan