What is CW MARS?
CW MARS is a diverse multi-type library consortium made up of over 160 member libraries primarily located in Central and Western Massachusetts.

CW MARS is an acronym that stands for Central and Western MA ssachusetts Resource Sharing.

What are the perks of membership?
As a library card holder, you get access to...

160+ Libraries
Your CW MARS card grants you borrowing privileges at all CW MARS libraries. Items can be checked out and returned to any CW MARS library. A list of libraries can be found at becket.cwmars.org/libraries.

8M+ Physical Items and 175K+ e-Titles
Over 8 million items in the network can be borrowed, most of which can be requested and picked up at your local library. Borrow items through the online catalog at becket.cwmars.org.

Get 24/7 access to the network's collection of over 175,000 digital titles, powered by OverDrive and Libby. Over 3,000 magazine titles are always available to borrow. Access the digital collection at becket.cwmars.org or cwmars.overdrive.com.

Automatic Renewals
Forget the hassle of manually renewing your items. Physical items eligible for renewal will be auto-renewed two days prior to their due date!

Commonwealth Catalog
If a CW MARS library does not have a title, expand your search across the state using the Commonwealth Catalog at becket.cwmars.org/cwmars_comcat.
Accessing the Catalog
You can find the catalog at becket.cwmars.org. From here, you can search for titles, place holds, update your account, pay bills, and more.

Logging Into Your Account
You can log into your account from any page in the catalog.
1. Click Sign In in the top right.
2. Enter your 14-digit library card number (ignore spaces) or your user name.
3. Enter your password which is automatically set to the last 4 digits of your phone number.
4. Click Sign In.

Navigating Your Account
From the Your Account Summary page, you can view your due dates by clicking Checked Out Titles, manage your holds with Titles on Hold, view charges and pay any over $0.50 by clicking Charges, and update your preferences with Account Settings. You can also create lists of titles with My Lists and view your Reading History.

Searching the Catalog
To search the catalog, enter your search term into the Search field. Optionally, select search Type (e.g. Keyword, Title, etc). Click Search.
Searches will default to a Keyword search available at the Becket Athenaeum. These can be adjusted or filtered if you are having trouble finding what you want.

Placing a Hold
Through the catalog, titles from across all of CW MARS can be requested for pickup at your local library. To do this, you will need to place a hold.
1. Search for the title you'd like to request.
2. Once you've found the title, Click Place Hold next to the format you'd like to place on hold.
3. Confirm/choose the CW MARS library at which you'd like to pick up the item.
4. Adjust your notification preferences* if desired. The Becket Athenaeum will email you when your item is available for curbside pickup. You can also choose to be notified by text message or phone call.
5. Optionally, suspend / set advanced options**
6. Click Submit to place the hold.

*These preferences can also be adjusted in Your Account ➔ Account Settings ➔ Hold Notifications Preferences.

**Suspending a hold will allow you to activate the hold at a later date. Your place in line will remain intact and when you are ready for the hold, you can activate it. Click on Advanced Hold Options if you are open to having your hold filled by one of multiple formats, (i.e. Book or Large Print Book).

Saving Your Reading History
You have the option to keep a historical account of titles you've checked out. To protect your privacy, this option is disabled by default. If you'd like to enable your reading history, navigate to Your Account ➔ Reading History. Read the disclaimer and continue by clicking Start Recording My Reading History.

Note: Reading History is not retroactive. Only items checked out at the time of enabling the feature along with future checkouts will be listed in your history.

Important: If Reading History is ever disabled, your history will be lost with no way to restore it!

You'll also see which titles you have already checked out when searching the catalog.

eContent
Digital material from OverDrive and Libby are available directly in the catalog. From your Search Results, you can place holds and check out material in digital formats (like eBooks). You can also manage your e-material from Your Account.

Need Help?
If you have questions about CW MARS or how to navigate the catalog, help articles can be found at becket.cwmars.org/cwmars_help.

You can also always ask your local librarian, and they will be happy to help!