

Freedom Public Library

CIRCULATION POLICIES

WHO MAY USE THE LIBRARY:

1. The Library will serve all the residents of the community. Service will not be denied or abridged because of religious, racial, social, economic or political status; or because of mental, emotional or physical condition; age; sexual orientation; or gender identity.
2. The use of the library may be denied for due cause. Such cause may be failure to return library materials or to pay penalties, destruction of library property, disturbance of other patrons, or any other illegal, disruptive or objectionable conduct on Library premises.

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP:

1. Membership at the Freedom Public Library is open to residents and part-time residents of any age. Non-residents from neighboring towns may apply. Currently there is no non-resident fee but a donation to the Friends of the Library is encouraged.
2. A library card application must be completed and signed.
3. Patron accounts must be renewed every two years. Non-resident accounts must be renewed yearly.
4. Patron accounts may be suspended or revoked at the discretion of the Library Director.

BORROWING:

1. Patrons should present their library cards to borrow materials.
2. Books, audiobooks, magazines, games and puzzles circulate for three weeks.
3. DVDs circulate for one week.
4. Loan periods for equipment vary.
5. Patrons in good standing may borrow eBooks and audiobooks through the New Hampshire Downloadable Books Consortium.
6. Due dates for materials borrowed from another library (interlibrary loan) are determined by the lending library.

RETURNS:

1. During library hours, please return all materials to the "Return Materials Here" cart beside the circulation desk.
2. After hours, please return materials to the book drop, located inside the vestibule at the front of the building facing the road.

RENEWALS:

1. If no one is waiting for them, library materials may be renewed:
 - a. In person during library hours (T 2-7; W 10-2; Th 2-7; F 12-5; Sa 10-1)
 - b. Over the phone at 539-5176
 - c. By e-mail at circ@freedompubliclibrary.org
 - d. By text at [603-267-4278](tel:603-267-4278) from the mobile phone number in your patron account. Text "renew all" or "renew due" without quotes.
 - e. Online at www.freedompubliclibrary.org. Click on "Search Catalog/Log In to Patron Account." Log into your account (upper right corner). You will see what you have out and which items you can renew.
2. Renewals for materials borrowed from another library (interlibrary loan) must be requested well ahead of the due date. It is up to the lending library whether and for how long the material will be renewed.

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OVERDUE, LOST AND DAMAGED MATERIALS:

1. There are no late fees; however, patrons are encouraged to make a donation to our Conscience Fund, aka “feed the pig.” Suggested donation is .15/day.
2. Patrons are responsible for the replacement cost of damaged materials.
3. If materials are overdue for six weeks or more and the patron has received written notice, the materials are considered lost and the patrons are liable for the replacement cost of the materials. An invoice will be sent via certified mail which will include a list of materials, their replacement costs, and a copy of RSA 202-A:25 on Detaining Books. The patron has 15 days from the date of the notice to return the items or to pay for them. After that time, the library may turn the collection of the materials over to the local police.

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