

Fairbury Public Library Circulation of Materials Policy

All borrowers must be registered cardholders of Fairbury Public Library or have a valid Nebraskard in order to check out library materials. It is preferred that a library card be presented at the time of check out. Check out of materials may be done without presenting a library card if staff is able to verify the patron's identity and their name is in the library's patron database. A form of identification showing name and address may be required to be shown.

Length of Loans:

Magazines, Cake Pans, DVDs, and Video Games check out for 1 week. All other materials check out for two weeks.

Number of Items Loaned:

Each card may have up to 15 items checked out at a time. DVDs and video games are limited to three per card. However, if a patron currently has an item(s) that are overdue and cannot be renewed, no additional items may be checked out, even if they have not reached their 15-item limit.

New patrons are limited to three items per checkout for the first three months. After three months, if borrowed materials have all been returned, patrons will acquire full borrowing privileges.

Holds:

Holds may be placed on all items that circulate. The patron placing the hold will be notified when the item is available.

Interlibrary Loans:

Materials not available locally may be requested through interlibrary loan (ILL). To request an item, patron must be a member in good standing with full borrowing privileges. There is a \$5.00 fee for processing each request which must be paid before materials may be checked out. The fee must be paid even if the ILL item is not picked up and has been returned to the loaning library. Patrons borrowing ILL materials must abide by the due date and any other restrictions placed on the item by the lending library. Renewals may be requested but must be granted by the lending library. Patrons who return materials past the due date will be warned that a second occurrence will result in their ILL borrowing privileges being suspended for 6 months. Staff may borrow up to two items a month at no charge. Additionally, there is no charge for items borrowed for library sponsored book discussions.

Return of Library Materials:

Library materials borrowed must be returned at the Fairbury Public Library. There are two outdoor book returns on the south side of the library for after hour returns.

Renewals:

Items may be renewed by phone or in person for two additional loan periods (one or two weeks, depending upon the material) with the following exceptions:

- If the item is on hold for another patron it may not be renewed.
- The item is an inter-library loan and must be renewed by the lending library.

Overdue Items:

We no longer charge overdue fees for most items, STEM and science kits being the exceptions. Once items have been overdue three days, patrons will be notified by text message or e-mail reminding them of the overdue items. After 14 and 28 days overdue, patrons will receive a letter. After six weeks, items will be considered lost and the patron charged for replacement cost. A .75 postage fee will be assessed for each letter sent. Checkout privileges will be suspended until the items are paid for or returned. Lost charges will be removed from patron records once an item is returned. At that time, the patron will become “probationary” for a year, and only three total items, which may include only one DVD, may be checked out at a time. After a year, normal borrowing status will be restored, unless items continue to be returned late during the probationary period, resulting in an extension of the probationary period.

Damaged and Replacement Fees:

Replacement cost will be charged for items too damaged to be returned to the shelf, and for lost items. The replacement cost of library materials will be the actual cost of the item as recorded in the library’s database. At the Director’s discretion, a comparable replacement copy of the lost item may be accepted in lieu of the actual cost. An additional \$2.00 processing fee will be charged for any item that has been made lost.

If a patron loses his/her library card, a replacement may be purchased for \$1.00.

Fresh Start Waiver

Patrons sixteen and older may request a one-time waiver for charges incurred when they were a minor. The maximum forgiven will be \$150. If a Fresh Start Waiver is given, patrons borrowing status will be “Probationary” for a year and only three total items, which may include only one DVD, may be checked out at a time. After a year, patron will return to full borrowing privileges if no additional fines have been incurred.