

## BORROWING OF MATERIALS

### 2.1 Borrowing and Renewing Books and Other Materials

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Library borrowing privileges shall be granted to any individual who qualifies under sections 1.1 of this document and makes proper application for such privileges. Library patrons are asked to present their library card each time materials are borrowed from the Library.

Proper application for library borrowing privileges includes providing the library with necessary personal information, promising to comply with all library rules, agreeing to pay promptly all fines and damages incurred, and agreeing to give immediate notice of any change of address. Any school-aged child may be granted a library card. Cards for children under age 12 must be applied for and endorsed by the child's parent or legal custodian.

Loan periods for materials are as follows:

Times may renew:

Books (except reference)	2 weeks	2
Compact Disks	2 weeks	2
Magazines (current issues)	2 days	0
DVDs	2 weeks	2
Launchpad Tablets	2 weeks	0
WiFi HotSpots	1 week	0
Magazine (back issues)	(may be kept; donations accepted)	
Reference items and newspapers cannot be checked out of library except with special permission.		

Except for electronic devices (hot spots and Launchpads) an unlimited number of items may be checked out unless particular subjects are put on limited reserve. Items such as back issues of magazines and other designated material are checked out at the desk, but are not entered into the NCPL computer system. Patrons are not obligated to return these items and like other sale items may choose to give the library a donation.

**Effective March 1, 2024**, patrons will be allowed seven (calendar) days to pick up a hot spot that is being held for them. If a patron does not come in during the allotted time frame, the next person on the waiting list will be contacted.

A patron's failure to return a Hot Spot on time will be noted on that person's account. After March 1, 2024, failing to return a device two times within a three month period will result in the loss of (hot spot) borrowing privileges for a period of three months.

### 2.2 Overdue Materials

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With the exception of juvenile and young adult materials, items not returned or renewed by their due date are subject to fines. Late books and DVDs are charged at a rate of 10¢ per day, not to accumulate over \$2 per item. Fines for Launchpads and WiFi HotSpots accumulate at a rate of \$1 per day, not to exceed \$25 per item.

### **2.3 Lost Materials**

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After notification by a patron, or after a final notice that materials are overdue and maximum fines are owed, the library may declare the item lost. The patron who loses an item is liable for the replacement cost of the item as determined by the Library System.

### **2.4 Damaged Materials**

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If an item is returned in damaged form by a patron and the Library System determines that the item must be replaced, the patron who had the item on loan when it was damaged is liable for the replacement cost of the item as determined by the Library System.

### **2.5 Revocation and Reinstatement of Borrowing Privileges**

**Rev. 4/21/21**

It shall be within the authority of the Library System to revoke library-borrowing privileges of library patrons in the following instances:

- Patrons who have overdue library materials for which final overdue notices have been sent.
- Patrons who are negligent in making payment for damaged or lost materials.
- Patrons whose accumulated fines and penalties are in excess of \$10.00.
- Minors whose library privileges are to be revoked at the written request of the parent or legal custodian.

Any patron whose library borrowing privileges are revoked shall have the right to appeal such action to the Board of Trustees.

The Library System shall reinstate library-borrowing privileges as follows:

- For patrons who have library materials that are overdue, library-borrowing privileges shall be reinstated upon return of the materials.
- For patrons whose accumulated fines or penalties are in excess of \$10.00, privileges shall be reinstated upon full payment of these fines or penalties.
- For minors whose privileges have been revoked at the request of a parent or legal custodian, privileges shall be reinstated with the written approval of the parent or legal custodian.

### **2.6 Confidentiality of Records**

**Rev. 10/19/16**

The Code of Virginia 2.1-342 states,

The following records are excluded from the provisions of this chapter [Virginia Freedom of Information Act] ... (8) Library records that can be used to identify both (i) any library patron who has borrowed material from a library and (ii) the material such patron borrowed.

Accordingly, when any local, state, or federal official, or a private citizen seeks to gain access to library personal data, the following principles and procedures shall apply:

Library personnel shall not reveal any personal data on library users or allow access to such records. Library circulation records are confidential and gathered for library purposes. These records are not to be used to disclose identities of

individuals in connection with materials borrowed from any facility of the Nottoway County Public Library System. Individuals seeking personal data from library records shall be referred to the County Library Director.

To protect the library user against invasion of privacy, the County Library Director shall withhold any information to be used for non-library purposes until served with a legal process, order, or subpoena which specifically identifies the information required and the purpose of such a request.

Upon advice of legal counsel, if defects are noted in the process, order, or subpoena, there shall be insistence made to proper persons that such defects are corrected before any records are released. No records shall be released until such process, order, or subpoena is proper and in full compliance with proper legal authority, whether local, state, or federal in nature.

Any problems or conditions relating to the privacy of a library user's personal data as recorded by the Nottoway County Public Library System which are not provided for in this policy statement shall be referred to the County Library Director. A decision on heeding the request shall be based upon proper study of the issues, and if necessary, upon the advice and counsel of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and/or legal counsel.