

# Brookfield Public Library

## Circulation Policy

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- I. Library Cards—Eligibility for a Library Card
  - A. Village Residents
    1. Any person who resides within the Village of Brookfield will be issued a library card upon application without a fee.
    2. Applicants are required to provide proof of residence using a photo ID with their Brookfield address. If the photo ID is not up to date, applicants may provide a current lease or mortgage statement or utility bill. If the applicant has no proof of address, a postcard can be mailed to the residence and then brought to the Library as identification.
    3. The library card of an applicant under the age of 18 will be issued as soon as a parent or guardian has signed the statement of responsibility card and proof of residence has been provided.
    4. A resident card shall be valid for three years. Cards may be renewed in person at the Library.
  - B. Nonresident Property Owners
    1. Non-resident Brookfield property owners, who furnish proof of current property tax payment, may have a Brookfield library card, and such card will be issued without a fee.
    2. The card will be issued to a “sole designated person” who must either be the owner, partner, principal stockholder, joint owner, or senior administrative officer. Only one card may be issued for each parcel of such taxable property. Names of designated users may be entered into the patron record, allowing such designees to utilize the library.
    3. A nonresident property owner card shall be valid for one year but may be updated annually upon showing another paid tax bill.
  - C. Nonresidents
    1. The Brookfield Public Library participates in the program from the State of Illinois, which provides library service to those living in areas with no library or library district.
    2. The state’s program requires anyone in an unserved area to apply for a library card at the nearest library in the high school district in which that person resides. Since the Brookfield Public Library is not currently the nearest library to any unserved population, the Library does not supply library cards to nonresidents outside of Brookfield property owners covered above.
    3. In the event that the Brookfield Public Library should ever supply a library card to a nonresident other than a Brookfield property owner, the fee for a nonresident card shall be determined by the “tax bill method” established by the Illinois State Library.
    4. The Library attempts to provide materials and offer services of use to community organizations, business firms, and governmental agencies operating within the Village of Brookfield. The Board of Trustees reserves

the authority to distribute library cards to non-taxpaying community members and organizations that will benefit from Library service.

- D. Temporary Residents
  - 1. Persons residing temporarily in Brookfield may receive a Brookfield library card, and such card will be issued without a fee.
  - 2. Applicants for a temporary card must provide proof of residence. If the applicant has no proof of address, a postcard can be mailed to the residence and then brought to the Library as identification.
  - 3. A temporary resident card will be valid for a period of six months.
  - 4. Temporary cards may be used at the Brookfield Public Library only and are not valid for reciprocal borrowing or for interlibrary loan.
- II. Library Cards—Lost, Stolen, and Damaged Cards
  - A. Lost or Stolen Cards
    - 1. Lost or stolen cards should be reported immediately. When report of a lost or stolen card is received, service to that card will be stopped. The borrower is responsible for all activity on the card until it is reported lost or stolen.
    - 2. A charge of \$2.00 will be assessed to replace lost cards.
  - B. Damaged Cards
    - 1. A charge of \$2.00 will be made to replace a library card that has been damaged except due to normal wear and tear.
- III. Circulation of Materials
  - A. Checkouts
    - 1. Materials may be checked out to any resident of Brookfield who holds a current, valid library card. A photo ID will be accepted in place of a regular library card, but not on a regular basis.
    - 2. Materials may be checked out to any resident of a tax-supported public library in the state of Illinois in accordance with the policies of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) regarding reciprocal borrowing. These policies require that the Brookfield Public Library call the home library of a reciprocal borrower to check the status of such borrower if the library card account is not found in the SWAN database.
    - 3. Library cards are non-transferable and cardholders are responsible for all materials checked out to their cards.
  - B. Loan Periods
    - 1. Books and magazines will be loaned for 21 days.
    - 2. Interlibrary loan items will be loaned for the number of days determined by the loaning library.
    - 3. Newly released video recordings will be loaned for 3 days. Video recordings older than four months will be loaned for 7 days.
    - 4. Reference books and the most recently received issue of a periodical are available for loan only under special circumstances. Please see a librarian.
  - C. Extended Loan Periods
    - 1. Vacation loans for periods ranging from 3 to 7 weeks will be made upon the request of a patron for books. The following items are not available for extended loan: interlibrary loan items, reference books, and items that have been designated for limited loan such as popular or new DVDs, CDs, and current magazines.
    - 2. Teacher loans, for anyone who is teaching preschool through college including home schooling parents, will be made for a period of 5 weeks

upon request with the exception of new books, interlibrary loan items, reference books, and popular or new DVDs.

- D. Renewals
  - 1. 21-day materials may be renewed up to two times for an additional 21 days provided that there are no holds on the items.
- E. Limits on Loan Periods and on Number of Items Checked Out at a Time
  - 1. For most collections there are no limits on the number of items that may be checked out by a patron at one time.
  - 2. The loan period or number of items checked out at one time may be reduced on a class of materials at the discretion of a Department Head due to seasonal demand or the inclusion of those materials as part of a class assignment.
- F. Overdue Materials
  - 1. A fine of 15 cents per day will be assessed on overdue books.
  - 2. A fine of \$1.00 per day will be assessed on overdue audio recordings (tapes and CDs) and kits.
  - 3. A fine of \$1.00 per day will be assessed on overdue video recordings (videotapes and DVDs).
  - 4. Fines for interlibrary loan items will be assessed by the owning library.
  - 5. Fines shall accrue up to the cost of the item except as otherwise provided herein.
  - 6. The fines on overdue materials are waived for any library employee in good standing.
- G. Overdue Notices
  - 1. Overdue notices shall be produced for items that are 2 weeks overdue, except in the case of video recordings for which overdue notices shall be produced two days after the item is due.
  - 2. A second overdue notice shall be produced for items that are 4 weeks overdue.
  - 3. A collection agency notice shall be produced for items that are 6 weeks overdue. The Library reserves the right to employ a collection agency in its attempts to recover materials for which a collection agency notice has been generated.
  - 4. Final billing notices shall be produced for items that are 8 weeks overdue.
  - 5. All overdue and billing notices shall be mailed or emailed to patrons.
- H. Claims Returned
  - 1. The Library will accept a patron's claim that materials have been returned for up to three items. At the fourth or subsequent claim that an item has been returned, the patron shall remain liable for the return of the material or the cost of replacement.
  - 2. When an item that has been claimed returned is returned to a book drop or the circulation desk, the patron who claimed that the item had been returned shall be liable for overdue fines from the date due to the date returned.
- I. Lost and Damaged Materials
  - 1. When an item that has been checked out to a patron is reported lost, the patron shall either be charged the cost of the item as listed in the item holding record or shall provide an exact replacement of the item. A \$5.00 processing fee will be assessed for each item lost.
  - 2. Patrons who report that an interlibrary loan item has been lost shall be assessed fees based on the then-current charges of RAILS.

3. If an item that has been reported lost is returned within one year of the date on which the loss was reported, the item would be treated as overdue. Fines shall be calculated from the date due to the date returned. A refund may be made to the patron for the difference between the amount paid and the amount of the overdue fine.
  4. Patrons shall be liable for the cost of a damaged item or the item's packaging except where such damage is the result of normal wear and tear.
- J. Limits on Rated Materials
1. Only patrons 17 years and older are allowed to check out rated materials (movies, video games, certain music CDs, etc.). Parents who want their children to be allowed access to rated materials may complete a "Rated Materials Permission Card." Once on file, the Rated Materials Permission Card will enable youth under 17 to check out any material in the Library.
- K. Delinquent Patrons
1. A Brookfield patron is delinquent and stopped from checking out items when \$5.00 or more in fines or fees has accumulated or a bill for materials appears on the patron's record.
  2. A patron who owes fines to the Brookfield Public Library in an amount less than \$30.00 for more than three years shall have those fines deleted and shall again be eligible to borrow materials. The Library may not remove or forgive fines or fees owed to other libraries.
  3. A reciprocal borrower who is delinquent may not borrow items until the delinquency is cleared in accordance with RAILS procedures.