

The Municipal District of Peace No. 135 Library Board

Lending Policy

The intent of this policy is to make the widest possible selection of library items available to all patrons of the Brownvale Community Library, and to facilitate the return of library items in good condition and in a timely manner. The Brownvale Community Library will uphold the obligations of participation in the Public Library Network, the Peace Library System, the Alberta Library (TAL) Card program, and the ME Libraries Program.

1. A cardholder must present his or her library card to borrow materials. Cardholders must give prior written approval for anyone else to pick up materials on their behalf.
2. An eligible cardholder may borrow a maximum of fifty (5) circulating items at any one time, of which not more than five (5) may be items from the Video collection.
3. Books, audiobooks, and CDs may be borrowed for a period of three (3) weeks.
4. Items from the video collection (i.e. DVDs/Blu-Rays), and circulating magazines may be borrowed for a period of two (2) weeks.
5. Digital resources not provided by the library system may be borrowed for a period of time as stipulated by the content provider.
6. Interlibrary Loan (ILL) items may normally be borrowed for a period of three (3) weeks. This loan period may vary for out-of-system loans, as stipulated by the loaning library.
7. Items in the reference collection or items deemed by the Library Manager to be irreplaceable may not be borrowed.
8. A maximum of two renewals per item are permitted.
 - a. An item may not be renewed if another cardholder in the library system has placed a hold on that item.
 - b. Renewals may not be possible for ILL items.
 - c. Extended due dates may be granted at the discretion of the Library Manager or designate in the event of holiday travel, anticipated hospitalization or recuperation, or other foreseeable absences.
9. Renewals may be made in person or over the phone.
10. It is the responsibility of cardholders to ensure items are returned on time. As per the Library bylaws, overdue fees are as follows.
 - a. Children's materials (fiction, non-fiction, audio-visual): \$0.10 per day
 - b. Adult materials (fiction, non-fiction, audio-visual): \$0.25 per day
- 11.

Cardholders are encouraged to inform the library immediately about lost items.

- a. As per the Library bylaws, the cardholder will be charged the purchase price of the book as listed in the library's integrated library system (ILS), plus a processing fee of \$5.00 for any lost item.
 - b. Replacement charges may be waived if an exact replacement copy in new or pristine condition is provided by the cardholder.
 - c. If an item is found by a cardholder after the replacement costs have been paid, that item becomes the property of the cardholder and cannot be returned to the library for reimbursement.
12. A cardholder's borrowing privileges are suspended when their total fines are equal to or greater than ten (\$10.00) dollars.

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