

PARKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY CIRCULATION POLICY

I. CARD ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

A Dracut Library card may be obtained by any patron age 5 or older.

A library card should be applied for at least 30 minutes before the closing of the Library.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent with valid ID and proof of residency or a caretaker with letter from parent or guardian giving permission to open a library card, taking full responsibility and provide a phone number in order to verify permission.

Patrons age 16 and older must show photo identification and proof of residency.

Applicants under the age of 18 without an ID may request a parent or guardian to show valid ID and proof of residency on their behalf or provide a letter from parent or guardian giving permission to open a Library card, taking full responsibility and provide a phone number in order to verify permission.

To register for a library card, a Dracut resident needs to:

- Present a current valid driver's license with a current Dracut address OR a current valid government issued photo ID with a current Dracut address.
- If neither a driver's license or a government-issued photo ID with a current Dracut address can be presented, the patron may present a current valid driver's license OR a government-issued photo ID AND present one of the following with a current Dracut address: property tax bill, car registration, excise tax bill, renter's lease, utility bill, or postmarked mail.
- To register for an MVLC library card, a Dracut taxpayer needs to:
 - Present a current valid driver's license with a current address AND a property tax bill.
- To register for a Dracut-only library card, a Dracut taxpayer needs to:
 - Present a current valid driver's license with a current address OR a current valid government-issued photo ID with a current address.

II. LOST CARD

If a *Parker Memorial Library* card is lost, a patron may apply for a new card by showing valid identification, paying a non-refundable replacement fee, and clearing any existing fines on their account. Circulation Policy

III. BORROWING

To borrow materials or access their account in Dracut, residents of Dracut or other Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLC) communities need to:

- Provide their MVLC library card OR a current valid driver's license with a current address OR a current valid state ID card with current address.

To borrow materials or access their account in Dracut, residents of other MA communities need to:

- Provide a library card from their city or town of residence.
- Present a valid driver's license with current address OR a current valid government-issued ID with a current address.

Children who do not have their library card may not check out materials unless they are with a parent or guardian who presents a valid ID.

The Library assumes that the person using a library card is the owner of that card or has the permission of the owner to use the card.

Material	Borrowing Period	Borrowing Limit	Renewals
Print Books	3 weeks	Unlimited*	Twice
Audiobooks/Playaways	3 weeks	Unlimited	Twice
Music CDs	3 weeks	Unlimited	Twice
Magazines	1 week	Variable	No
DVDs	1 week	Unlimited	Once
Hot DVDs	3 days	3 per patron	No
Binge Boxes	2 weeks	2 per family	No
Video Games	2 weeks	Unlimited	No
Museum Passes	<i>See Section IV</i>	2 per month	No
Civics & Citizen Toolkit	3 weeks	1 per family	Twice
Bocce Set	2 weeks	1	No
Cake Pans	2 weeks	2 per family	No
Electricity Usage Monitor	2 weeks	1	No
Finger Piano	2 weeks	1	No
HotSpot	2 weeks	1**	No
Infrared Thermometer	2 weeks	1	No
Launchpads	2 weeks	2 per family	No
Melody Harp	2 weeks	1	No
Native American Drums	2 weeks	1	No
Parachute	2 weeks	1	No
Pocket Magnifier	2 weeks	1	No
Sewing Machine	2 weeks	1	No
Telescope	2 weeks	1	No
Tumbling Timbers	2 weeks	1	No
Ukulele	2 weeks	1	No
Weekender Bag	2 weeks	1	No

**We ask that patrons check out only a reasonable number of books on a single subject at one time. The Library reserves the right to limit items to three books per subject for school projects.*

*** After returning a Hotspot, a Patron must wait a minimum of 14 calendar days before checking out another one.*

After the 9 week borrowing period a returned item must be shelved before being taken out again. It must remain on the shelf for 24 hours before being taken out by the patron that just returned the item.

An item is only renewable if no holds exist on the item.

IV. MUSEUM PASS BORROWING

Museum passes are available to:

- Patrons with a current, valid Parker Memorial Library card.
- Patrons with a current MVLC or Massachusetts Library card.
- Patrons reserving passes must be 18 years of age or older, and their cards must have fines less than \$20.00

Museum passes are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Families may reserve 1 pass per day and a total of 4 passes in a 60-day period.

Returnable passes are due back by 9:15 am the next day that the library is open. Passes may be returned in the book drop if the library is closed.

Please call the library if your plans change and you will not need the pass. If you reserved a pass online, you can cancel up to 24 hours in advance.

A “per day” fine (see Fine & Fee schedule) will be charged until the pass is returned. The patron is responsible for the replacement cost of lost or damaged passes.

V. FINES & FEES

See Fine & Fee Schedule

VI. REPLACEMENT COSTS

See Fine & Fee Schedule

VII. HOLDS

Patrons may reserve a specific item that is checked-out by another patron. When the item is available, a patron will have 7 days to pick up the materials.

VIII. DENIAL OF BORROWING PRIVILEGES

To ensure that no one patron accrues excessively high fines, patrons will have their borrowing privileges denied if fines exceed \$20.00 or their account has more than 1 item billed. Privileges will also be denied when a patron has 20 or more overdue items.

IX. RESPONSIBILITY

Library patrons are responsible for all materials checked out on their own cards or the cards of children whom they have assumed responsibility.

If a patron allows others to check out materials on his or her card, those materials are still the responsibility of the original cardholder.

X. CONFIDENTIALITY OF USER RECORDS

See Confidentiality Policy

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