

Bangor Public Library

CIRCULATION POLICY

Obtaining a Library Card

Library cards are free to residents of the Bangor Area School District, which includes Bangor Borough, Lower Mount Bethel Township (that portion in the Bangor Area School District), Upper Mount Bethel Township, Portland Borough, Roseto Borough and East Bangor Borough.

Proof of a local address is required. The following are accepted as proof of residence:

- current state driver's license or ID card with local address
- check book with local address imprint
- a bill in your name with a local address accompanied with a photo ID

The first library card is free. A \$3.00 replacement fee is charged for lost Library cards. You are responsible for all items borrowed on your Library card.

Regular library cards are issued to individuals over 16. Junior cards are issued to anyone younger than 16 and require a parent or legal guardian signature along with proof of residency. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for any library materials and/or fines accrued by the Junior card holder.

Your library card must be presented each time you check out any library items. Library ID cards are not transferable. Checking out materials with a library card belonging to another person, including a relative, is not permitted.

Any Pennsylvania resident with a library card from his/her home library may obtain a Bangor Public Library card at no charge if the home library participates in AccessPA. Non-residents who work for the Bangor Area School District may also obtain a library card at no charge.

Individuals outside of the Bangor Area School District may become a member of the Bangor Public Library by paying an annual fee as listed below. If a member has overdue materials or outstanding fines, the membership may not be renewed until all library obligations are satisfied.

First Year	Individual Membership	\$25
	Family Membership	\$35
After First Year	Individual Membership	\$15
	Family Membership	\$25

Borrowing Library Materials

Checking Out Items

You may have a total of 10 items checked out on your library account at any one time and in any combination of materials listed below. Materials may be renewed two times if there are no holds on them.

Books	21 days	10 items
Magazines (back issues only)	21 days	10 items
Audio books	21 days	10 items
DVDs	7 days	3 items

Overdue Materials

Library materials are overdue after closing on the day the items are due. Books put in the book drop after the Library has closed for the day will be checked in the next day, making them one day overdue. Late fees are assessed per item per day from the first day past due.

Fines (per day/per item)

Books	\$.25
Magazines	\$.25
Audio books	\$.25
DVDs	\$1.00

Fines do not accumulate on days the library is closed. The maximum fine is \$10.00 per item. Computer access is blocked for fines over \$3.00

Fees

Lost or damaged material	\$5.00 processing fee plus replacement cost
Lost Library card	\$3.00 replacement fee except as otherwise noted

DVD Replacement Fees

Damaged or broken cases patron must pay the following fee: 1 Disk: \$3.00, 2 Disk: \$4.00, 4 Disk: \$5.00, 6 Disk: \$6.00

If disk is lost, but cases is returned the fee is \$5.00 processing fee plus replacement cost

If the disk and the case are both lost the fee is \$5.00 processing fee plus the cost of the case and replacement cost.

After patron has been contacted (4) times regarding overdue items the items are marked lost. After 3 months the library will replace the items.

If the patron returns the items after the library has replaced items at the cost to the library, the patron must pay for the cost of the items plus the \$5.00 processing fee. Returning items with no replacement fee is no longer an option.

Renewing Items

Books may be renewed at the library or by telephone. You also may renew the books yourself via our online catalog. Books first renewal will be automatic as long as the book is eligible. Books may be placed on hold via our online catalog. Please note: Inter-Library Loan items and items on hold may not be renewed.

Overdue Notification

A person shall receive three (3) notices by phone/email to return library property that is overdue. After (3) phone calls patron's name will be turned over to the Director of calling. At least one (1) notice will be written and will request that the property be returned. It also will include a bill for the replacement value of the property PLUS a \$5.00 processing fee for each item. Parents and/or legal guardians are responsible for overdue materials charged out to Junior cards.

New process for overdue notification:

- The patron will be called (3) times when materials are overdue. If unable to reach by phone or leave a message, patron's name will be forward to the Director.

- An overdue notice will be emailed when materials are overdue.
- After the above attempts, the patron will receive a letter that includes the PA Library Statute regarding overdue materials, the amount owed and notification that the next step will be to turn the account over to the local magistrate.
- The overdue account information will be sent to the magistrate. At that point the patron must follow the instructions of the magistrate.

Suspended Privileges

Borrowing privileges will be suspended for unpaid fines, materials returned damaged, and for lost items until patron pays ALL late fines and/or fines for lost and damaged materials. Borrowing library materials implies both privilege and responsibility. Your signature on your application means you accept responsibility for materials that you borrow.

Confidentiality

According to Pennsylvania Statutes Title 24 Education, Chapter 16 Libraries, Article IV, all records related to the circulation of library materials shall be confidential and shall not be made available to anyone except by a court order in a criminal proceeding.

Pennsylvania Library Code

Section 426. Retention of Library Property after Notice to Return--Whoever retains any book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper, manuscript, map or other property belonging in or to or on deposit with the State Library or any local library which is established or maintained under any law of this Commonwealth or the library of any university, college or educational institution chartered by the Commonwealth or the library of any public school or any branch reading room, deposit station or agency operated in connection therewith, for a period exceeding thirty days after such library has given written notice to return the same, shall, upon conviction in summary proceedings, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) to be paid over by the magistrate imposing such fine to the library instituting the prosecution and cost of prosecution. Any person in default of payment of such fine and costs shall undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding ten days. Such notice may be given by personal service upon the borrower or by the mailing of a letter, by first class mail, to the borrower's address on file with said library. The notice shall refer to this act and shall contain a demand that the property be returned. (426 amended May 5, 1970, P.L.330, No.106)