

PATTERSON LIBRARY

BORROWING

Library Cards:

Patterson Library borrowing cards will be issued free to residents of Putnam, Dutchess, Columbia, Greene, and Ulster Counties upon proof of permanent residency (driver's license, tax, or utility bill, or other official document). Children will be issued a card upon the request of their parent; the parent is then responsible for all use of the child's card.

A new library card will be issued only if no immediate family or household member has fines and/or charges over \$10. A library card or smartphone with a scannable barcode must be presented each time materials are borrowed. The fee to replace a lost or damaged card is \$2.00.

People living out of the Mid-Hudson area may be issued a one-year library card, with proof of a permanent residential address, for a fee of \$35.00.

People living out of the Mid-Hudson area who work in the Town of Patterson may be issued a one-year library card, with proof of employment, at no charge. Seasonal Patterson employees may be issued a 3-month card, with proof of employment, at no charge.

Loan Periods:

- 1 Week – DVDs, Video Games, Blu-Rays
- 2 Weeks – Books on CD, Music CDs, Graphic Novels, New Books, Great Courses
- 4 Weeks – Books, Magazines (except for the newest issue)

Renewals:

- New Books, DVDs, Music CDs, Magazines, Books on CD may be renewed once, if there is no reserve list.
- All other books may be renewed twice, if there is no reserve list
- Most items may be renewed by phone, in-person, or online
- Museum Passes and some materials owned by other libraries may not be renewed

For a more complete list of loan periods and limits see Section 2.1

Reserves:

All library users may ask to be on a reserve list for an item, or may reserve their own materials online. All reserved items must be picked up within seven days of notification.

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Fines and Fees:

- The Patterson Library is Fine Free: any items you borrow here will not incur fines if they are returned late to this or any Mid-Hudson Library System library.
- Items borrowed at another library may incur fines; you may pay those fines here or at any Mid-Hudson Library System library. Some items require a deposit.
- Damaged item fees are charged at the discretion of the owning library.
- Full replacement value is charged for lost or seriously damaged items; we do not accept replacement materials purchased by the user.
- Refunds for lost and paid items accepted up to 30 days from payment with original receipt.
- The library is not responsible for any damage to patrons' audio-visual or computer equipment, including, but not limited to DVD, Blu-Ray and CD players.

Loss of Borrowing Privileges:

Mid-Hudson Library System libraries reserve the right to suspend individual or household library card privileges due to excessive: unpaid fines, unreturned items, replacement payments, and/or damaged items.