

Allenstown Public Library

Member Policy

Those entitled to a free library card are adults and children who are residents of Allenstown, businesses located in Allenstown, and out-of-town residents who own property in Allenstown. If you are not eligible for a free library card, one may be purchased for \$10 annually.

Minors

A parent or guardian must give permission for the child to have a card. They must agree to allow staff to follow state privacy laws concerning their child's account and understand that access to **all** library materials is open. Parents are responsible not only for their minor children's choices concerning the selection of materials and the use of library facilities and resources but also for communicating with their children about those choices. Parents are ultimately responsible for any lost fees or fines the child may incur. The Allenstown Public Library follows the American Library Association (ALA) statement on library service to minors and the ALA Library Bill of Rights. Both are available to read at <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill>.

Borrowing

Patrons are responsible for all material checked out on their account.

The first time a new patron uses their library card, they are limited to three items to checkout. These can include one DVD and one "new" item.

The circulation period is 21 days. Items can be returned at the circulation desk when the library is open or in the outside bin when the library is closed. Library materials may be renewed unless there is a waiting list for the item.

Interlibrary loan (ILL) items that belong to another NH library are subject to the borrowing policies of the library that owns the item. Patrons must return the ILL item on the due date.

A patron who loses, destroys, or steals any item from the library is liable for its replacement cost, payable to the Allenstown Public Library.

Fines & Limits: Checkout limits are at the discretion of the library staff member. The library does not charge daily overdue fines for materials borrowed from the general collection. If you have overdue materials, your borrowing privileges will be blocked, and you will not be able to conduct any library transactions.