Library Patron Cards

Resident library cards are issued to Rancho Mirage residents and property owners upon presentation of proper identification. Adult cards are issued to patrons 18 years of age and older. Young adult cards are issued to patrons 13–17 years old. Parent or guardian signature is required for a library card for children 12 and under, or for young adults who do not have a school ID or driver’s license. A teacher’s card is issued to any teacher who works in a Coachella Valley educational program or parent who is homeschooling a student.

- Patron library cards will be issued to other California residents at no cost.
- A patron residing outside the state of California may purchase a non-resident card. Cards are issued for a one-month period for $10, a six-month period for $30, or a twelve-month period for $45.
- Donor cards are issued after a donation of $100 or more annually for a twelve-month period.
- Lost library cards will be replaced for a fee of $1.
- Access to digital resources and our online catalog are granted immediately upon registering for a card. Access these services with the following login information.

Username/login: full library card/barcode number
Password/PIN: defaults to last five (5) digits of your card number
Loan Periods

- Books, audiobooks, music CDs, and magazines may be borrowed for a period of fourteen (14) days. These materials may be renewed for two (2) additional 14-day loan periods if they have not been reserved.

- DVDs and Blu-ray discs may be borrowed for a period of seven (7) days. These items may be renewed for an additional seven (7) days if they have not been reserved.

- Loans of certain materials are made to teachers for a period of twenty-eight (28) days. DVDs and Blu-ray discs are not eligible for loan to teachers. Teachers’ loans are limited to fifty (50) items at a time, and there are no renewals for these items.

- Reference materials, special collections, newspapers, the current issue of a magazine, and any issues of Palm Springs Life do not circulate.

- Digital resources such as e-books, e-audiobooks, and video streaming have their own respective loan periods and limits. For more details visit or call the Information Desk.

- Lucky Day books are best sellers that are available first come, first served. Reserves cannot be placed on these titles. These items may be borrowed one (1) per account for a period of two (2) weeks. There are no renewals on Lucky Day loans.

- The Library Telescope Program allows patrons to check out a tabletop telescope for seven (7) days. We ask that telescope use be limited to one (1) per household. Reminder: telescopes should never be pointed at the sun!

Fines & Fees

Library patrons are responsible for returning borrowed materials by the end of the loan period.

- The Library does not charge overdue fines. Only items which are lost or returned damaged receive fees.

- Library patrons are responsible for the replacement cost of library materials that are lost or damaged, plus a processing fee.

- The Library assumes no responsibility for any possible damage to patrons’ audio or visual equipment that might be related to using borrowed audio-visual library materials.

Library Privileges

The Library reserves the right to refuse borrowing privileges to patrons who become delinquent. Patrons may be defined as delinquent if:

- Unpaid fees reach or exceed $10, or
- Any item reaches or exceed 7 days overdue

Special Conditions

- New patrons are limited to five (5) items upon first checkout.

- There is a limit of twenty-five (25) items overall, ten (10) DVDs maximum per library borrower.

- Patrons must have an adult or young adult card to borrow DVDs from the adult collection. Children may check out DVDs from the Children's Room only.

Fees Schedule

Replacement cost of lost item or item damaged beyond repair is the actual cost of the item, or, when cost cannot be determined:

- Book $30
- Paperback book $10
- Audiobook $75
- Replacement CD $10
- DVD or Blu-ray disc $15
- Music CD $12
- Adult material processing $5
- Juvenile material processing $3
- Magazine $5
- Replacement CD case $2
- Replacement DVD or Blu-ray disc case $4
- Replacement audiobook case $8
- Replacement artwork $4
- Replacement security tag $1
- Library barcode $1

Renewals

Rancho Mirage Library and Observatory has automatic renewals. All items that are eligible to be renewed will automatically be renewed for another check out period the day before the item is due. Items that are not eligible to be renewed include items reaching the maximum number of renewals and items with reserves by other patrons.