

# Loan Rules



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Other member libraries in the Old Colony Library Network (OCLN) may have different loan periods, overdue fines and renewal policies. Please keep this in mind when borrowing items from other libraries. Materials borrowed via the Commonwealth Catalog have a loan period of 28 days with no automatic renewals. The lending library sets the loan period and renewal rules on materials borrowed via Interlibrary Loan.

Patrons with fees or fines of \$15.00 or more, or lost or overdue materials must clear their records before borrowing more materials.

## **Renewals:**

Library materials can be renewed twice, except for items with holds on them or Interlibrary Loans. Items borrowed from another OCLN member library may have different renewal restrictions.

## **Returns:**

Library materials may be returned to the Walpole Public Library Circulation Desk, in the exterior book drops, or to any other OCLN library. Out of network returns will be forwarded to the owning library, however the Walpole Public Library will not be able to update the status of these items.

## **Interlibrary Loans:**

Our Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service allows you to borrow materials that are not available at our library or any other library in OCLN. The Walpole Public Library will, in all cases, attempted to obtain loans free of charge. Sometimes lending library will charge for an ILL, in these cases, the Walpole Public Library will not pursue these loans without the consent of the borrower. The borrower is responsible for paying any lending charges for an ILL. For more information contact our Reference Desk at (508) 660-7341 or at [waref@ocln.org](mailto:waref@ocln.org).

## **De-Certified Libraries:**

In accordance with the State's Minimum Standard for Public Library Service (Massachusetts General Laws, Ch. 78, Section 19B 1 & 6), the Walpole Public Library extends reciprocal borrowing privileges to the residents of the Commonwealth who reside in towns who also meet the standards.

Such reciprocity is not possible when a library ceases to provide services or reduces its hours below a reasonable level for the size of the community it serves. Therefore, the Walpole Public Library will discontinue borrowing privileges to residents of communities who terminate library service or reduce hours of opening to below a reasonable level for the size of that community as determined by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Borrowing privileges will be reinstated once a library is re-certified by the Massachusetts board of Library Commissioners.