



# Upper Dublin Public Library Materials Use Policy

**Your LIBRARY CARD** opens up a world of opportunity. Use it to check out materials from the library's collection of 110,000 items, to request materials from other libraries or to utilize the library's virtual services, such as downloadable eBooks, emagazines & audiobooks and the PA Power Library databases. You can also use it at any MCLINC (Montgomery County Library and Information Network Consortium) and Access PA libraries.

- Any resident of Upper Dublin is eligible to register for a free borrower's card, renewable every 3 years. The library will require identification with the name & current mailing address of the applicant for new registration & renewals. Examples of acceptable forms of identification are: driver's license, government identification, utility bill, lease, property tax bill or bank statement. Cardholders are responsible for all items checked out on their cards. Failure to return items may result in suspension of borrowing privileges.
- Those under 18 may obtain a library card with the signature of a parent/guardian who will be financially responsible for any materials borrowed on the youth's card. Upon turning 18, juvenile cardholders will be required to complete their own application form.
- The Library may issue a nonresident card (no Access PA sticker and good for one year) to customers who work in Upper Dublin Township, but do not reside here. Proof of work and home addresses are required. Nonresident cardholders are restricted to borrowing only Upper Dublin Public Library materials.

## **LOAN PERIODS**

- 3 days (begins at 3 pm on Day 1 and ends at noon on Day 3) - museum/arboreta passes
- 7 days - New DVDs (single/double disk sets; for first six months only), video games, magazines, Library of Things
- 21 days - all other materials
- Reference, most recent magazine issues, and some special materials do not circulate. Please note that items borrowed from other libraries may have a different loan period or fine structure, which we are required to honor.

## **LOAN RESTRICTIONS**

- Museum passes & items from Library of Things must be checked out on an adult library card.
- Museum/arboreta passes and items from Library of Things must be picked up/returned at UDP Library and cannot be transferred to other libraries. See additional instructions for these special collections.

## **RENEWALS**

Most items may be renewed for three additional loan periods unless the item has been reserved by another patron. Renew in person, by phone or through the Library's website. Phone and website renewals require your library card number and the titles and/or barcodes of the items to be renewed. Website renewal also requires a password.

## **OVERDUE ITEMS**

Reminder notices to return borrowed items are emailed both before and after the item's due date(s). Bills will be issued when items are four weeks late, and will include the cost of replacing each item. Patrons failing to return items over four weeks late may be denied borrowing privileges until those overdue items are either returned or paid for if lost and/or damaged. Under Pennsylvania law, 18 Pa.C.S.A § 6709, it is a summary offense to retain library property after being notified to return it.

Daily overdue fines are no longer charged. However, patrons are strongly encouraged to return items, particularly those for which others are waiting, on time. Anyone failing to return reservable items on or before their due date, such as museum passes and Library of Things, may be prohibited from future borrowing from these collections.

## **FEES FOR LOST OR DAMAGED ITEMS**

- Retail price of item. Replacement copies will not be accepted in lieu of fees.
- Additional fees for lost /damaged packaging may apply.

Anyone owing more than \$30 on their account will be blocked so no further items can be checked out at any MCLINC Library until the items are returned or the bill is paid.

## **OTHER FEES**

Photocopies & Printouts B&W (8.5x11) 15¢/ea; B&W (8.5x14 & 11x17) 30¢/ea; Color (8.5x11) 50¢/ea; Color (8.5x14, 11x17) \$1/ea; Thumb drives: market price; Earbuds: market price.

**Materials borrowed from the UDP Library may be returned to other participating Pennsylvania Access libraries (except where loan restrictions prohibit), but the cardholder to whom the items are charged is responsible for those materials until they are actually in the possession of the Upper Dublin Public Library.**

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