

North Kingstown Public Library is a fine-free library.* The information below pertains to the North Kingstown Free Library only. Other libraries in the Ocean State Libraries consortium may have different loan rules, renewal policies, and fine structures.

****A limited amount of our special collections may still have overdue fines.***

Borrowing Chart

Material	Loan Period	Overdue Fine
Books, magazines, audiobooks	3 weeks + 2 automatic renewals	No fines
Feature Films (DVDs & Blu-rays) and Video Games	7 days + 2 automatic renewals	No fines
DVD & Blu-ray sets and Music CDs	3 weeks + 2 automatic renewals	No fines
Bingeboxes	3 weeks + 2 automatic renewals	No fines
Wonder Books	3 weeks, no renewals	No fines
Express Books*	7 days, no renewals, no holds	.50 per day
Equipment – Hot spots, Telescope, Launchpads	Varies, no renewals	\$1 per day
Book Club Bags	6 weeks, no holds, no renewals	\$1 per day
Museum Passes	1 day	\$5 per day

Renewals

Renewals are automatic if no one else is waiting for the item. Most items will be renewed for 2 additional loan periods. See borrowing chart above.

Returns

Most materials borrowed from North Kingstown Free Library may be returned to any RI public library. We have outdoor library return boxes available for your convenience 24 hours per day.

Certain items that are fragile or don't fit in our delivery bins (see list below) must be returned to North Kingstown Free Library (\$5 fee if returned to another library).

- Equipment
- Hotspots

- Launch Pads
- Express Books
- Learning Kits
- Wonder Books
- Museum Passes* (may be returned in their envelope in the book drop only when the Library is closed)

**Excludes single-use passes that do not need to be returned.*

Notifications

You can choose to receive due date reminders, holds, and overdue notifications via phone or email. As an additional option, you may opt-in to text notifications from your mobile device by following the directions here.

Holidays, Snow Days, and other Emergency Closings

If we are closed for a holiday, snow storm, or other emergency, your lending period will be extended for that day.

Pay Your Fees Online

Fines and fees can be paid online when you owe more than \$1.01. The Pay Online button can be found by logging into the online catalog. Once you enter your library card number and PIN, you'll have access to several options, including "Pay Online."

Responsibilities of Library Cardholders

Cardholders accept responsibility for all items checked out on their card. Library cards are non-transferable. Report lost cards or a change in address as soon as possible. You will be charged for lost or damaged materials, in accordance with Rhode Island state law, (R.I. Gen. Laws 11-41-14)

Damaged Materials

North Kingstown Free Library strives to provide our patrons with a collection of materials that are in good condition, including books that are free from food stains and water damage, and DVDs and CDs that are not scratched or cracked.

Because of these operational standards and our responsibility to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, we may have to charge you full replacement costs if you return items that are:

- Stained with food, drinks, or other residue
- Wet or moldy
- Missing pages or covers; torn, cut, or chewed
- Marked up by pencil, ink, marker, or highlighter
- Discs that have deep scratches, scrapes, or cracks
- In an unusable condition due to neglect

We do not accept replacement copies of lost or damaged materials.

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