



Melrose Public Library

Borrowers' Circulation Policy

1. A library patron must be properly registered.
2. In support of the American Library Association's "Resolution on Monetary Library Fines as a Form of Social Inequity" Melrose Public Library does not charge fines for overdue materials. Patrons are invited to make donations directly to the Melrose Public Library, to the Friends of the Library, or to the Trustees of Melrose Public Library.
3. Replacement charges may be assessed for lost or damaged materials. Adults are responsible for material lost or damaged by their dependents.
4. A library patron who has been billed for replacement charges may not borrow materials until the patron's record has been cleared.
5. A library patron who owes overdue materials to another library may be denied borrowing privileges at Melrose Public Library.

Certain special materials, such as Chromebooks or hot spots, may require completing and signing a loan agreement.

6. Melrose Public Library reserves the right to limit the number of items which any patron may borrow and to limit or forbid renewals. Among other considerations, the library strives to ensure that a sufficient collection is maintained for public use.

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Approved by Trustees