

Tipton County Public Library Circulation Policy

Confidentiality of Records

The Board of Trustees of the Tipton County Public Library acknowledges that patron records are confidential. Such records will not be made available to any agency of federal, state, or local government except pursuant to such process, order, or subpoena as may be authorized by law. The issuance and enforcement of any such process, order, or subpoena must be through a proper showing of good cause made in a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

Library Card Registrations

Adult Resident Cards

The library will issue borrower's cards free of charge to Tipton County residents or property owners who are eighteen (18) years of age or older. The library card entitles adult residents to borrow any materials circulated by the library. To apply for a library card, residents must present a current photo identification card and proof of address as listed below. Online registrations will give patrons temporary access to online resources, and when proof of identification and address have been shown at the library, patrons will receive their library card and will then have full access to all library resources.

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION	CURRENT PROOF OF ADDRESS (within the past 60 days)
Driver's License	Postmarked Mail
State Issued Identification Card	Bank Statement or Checkbook
Passport	Lease Agreement or Mortgage Paperwork
School Identification Card	Utility Bill
Military Identification Card	Voter Registration Card or Car Registration

Juvenile Cards

Children of Tipton County residents, between the ages of 3 and 17, may be issued a juvenile card with a parent or guardian signature and the signing adult's identification with current address as defined above. With a juvenile card, children have borrowing privileges for all print and audio materials in the Children's Department. At the age of 8, children are eligible for full access to all library materials, including DVDs and video games, with the parent's permission. The juvenile must be present at the time of application, and the parent or guardian must have a library card in good standing. The signing adult assumes responsibility for any and all items checked out by children under the age of 18. Library staff do not screen choice of materials, and the selection of all library materials by minors must be monitored by the parents or guardians.

Card Renewals

Adult cards expire every three years from the date of issue. Photo ID with current address must be presented at the time of renewal to ensure that all information is correct. Juvenile cards expire at the age of 18, and the patron may then apply for an adult card. All adult card criteria apply.

Special Card Registrations

Organization Card

Tipton County organizations, businesses, or churches may register for a library card. One person must be designated as the contact person for the organization, and this library card will be limited to organizational use. A letter on business letterhead, authorizing the contact person to register for the card, must be presented at the time of application. The organization, business, or church named on the library card application is responsible for any fines and/or lost or damaged materials checked out on the card. Organization cards expire three years from the date of issue. At the time of renewal, any changes must be accompanied by a letter on business letterhead.

Non-resident Taxpayer Card

Non-residents of Tipton County who pay property taxes in Tipton County have the same benefits as resident cardholders. Non-resident taxpayers must present a current paid tax bill listing their name and the address of the property owned in the library district. Cards may be issued to any individuals residing at the same address as the taxpayer.

Non-resident Card

Individuals or families living in an area not served by a public library may purchase a Non-resident card by paying the current non-resident fee. After purchasing this card, non-resident cardholders have the same benefits as resident cardholders. Non-resident cards expire one year from date of purchase.

Public Library Access Card (PLAC)

Resident or non-resident taxpayers of any participating Indiana public library district who have a current library card are eligible to purchase a PLAC, which is valid for use at any Indiana library. These individuals must present current photo identification and proof of current address of residency in addition to their home library card. PLAC cards are valid for one year from date of purchase.

Educator Cards

Teachers employed by the Tipton Community School Corporation and the Tri-Central Community Schools may apply for an Educator library card. Local pre-school teachers, homeschool families, tutors, and other educators are also eligible for Educator cards. As a courtesy, educators employed in Tipton County who live outside the county may also apply for a personal library card. Educator cards will be good for one year and may be renewed. Please see the Educator card application for further details.

Reciprocal Borrowing Card

Any individual who has a library card in good standing with any of the Indiana libraries on the list of Statewide Reciprocal Borrowers Covenant Libraries may obtain a Tipton County Public Library card at no charge with all rights and privileges of a Tipton County resident. Reciprocal Borrowing Cards expire one year from date of issue, and the applicant must be in good standing with their home library to renew.

Special Circumstances Card

If an adult is a temporary resident of Tipton County or a resident who is temporarily without the usual forms of identification, he or she may apply for a Special Circumstances Card if they will be residing in Tipton County for a minimum of 30 days. Such residents must give proof of their permanent home address and/or a current local address. The Special Circumstances card is good for six months and may be renewed one time. There will be a limit of five items total on the card.

Circulation of Materials

- Patrons must present their library card to borrow materials
- Replacement of a lost library card is \$1.00. Replacement of a worn or damaged card is free

Circulation Schedule

Item Type	Circulation Period	Limit on Card	Can be Renewed?	Fine per Day per Item	Maximum Fine
Audiobooks	14 days	None	Yes – 3 times	\$.10	Cost of item
Books: Children's	14 days	None	Yes – 3 times	\$.10	Cost of item
Books: Fiction & Non-Fiction	14 days	None	Yes – 3 times	\$.10	Cost of item
Books: Hot Picks	7 days	None	No	\$.10	Cost of item
DVDs: Feature Films	7 days	10	Yes – 2 times	\$1.00	Cost of item
DVDs: Non-Fiction	7 days	10	Yes – 2 times	\$1.00	Cost of item
DVDs: Hot Picks	3 days	3	No	\$1.00	Cost of item
Magazines: Tipton (back issues)	14 days	None	Yes – 3 times	\$.10	Cost of item
Magazines: Tipton Hot Picks (current issues)	3 days	3	No	\$.10	Cost of item
Magazines: Children's	14 days	None	Yes – 3 times	\$.10	Cost of item
Magazines: Windfall	14 days	None	Yes – 3 times	\$.10	Cost of item
Music CDs	14 days	10	Yes – 3 times	\$.10	Cost of item
Video Games	14 days	3	Yes – 2 times	\$1.00	Cost of item
Vacation Loans	28 days	None	No	\$.10	Cost of item
Equipment	2 days	None	Yes – 2 times	\$1.00	Cost of item
Kits	14 days	None	Yes – 3 times	\$.10	Cost of item

Holds

Patrons may put a Hold on most materials, with the exception of Hot Picks. Patrons will be notified by phone or email when their items are in. Holds will be held for:

Print Materials	5 business days
DVDs, Video Games, and CDs	3 business days

Material Renewals

Most materials may be renewed unless there are holds on an item.

Renewals will be allowed on overdue items. However, any fines owed at the time of renewal will be charged to the patron's record. Please refer to the Circulation Schedule for renewal limits.

Overdue Materials

Library materials are considered overdue when they are kept beyond the due date. Patrons are responsible for knowing when their materials are due back at the library. As a courtesy, the library will attempt to notify patrons when they have materials which are overdue:

1 st Notice	7 days overdue
2 nd Notice	21 days overdue
3 rd Notice	35 days overdue
Billed for item	50 days overdue

Overdue fines will accumulate until the materials are returned. Overdue fines will not exceed the cost of the item. However, if the items are not returned, fees for lost or damaged items will be assessed at the replacement value of the items.

When charges on a patron's card total \$10 or more, borrowing privileges will be suspended until the charges are paid under \$10.

If a patron's card has \$25 in billed charges for more than 10 days, the charges will be sent to the library's collection service.

Notification of delinquent charges on cards of minor children will be sent to the signing parent or guardian. Any delinquent charges on cards of minor children which are sent to collections are the responsibility of the signing parent or guardian and will be sent to collections in that parent's or guardian's name.

Lost and Damaged Materials

The library cardholder is responsible for the replacement or repair cost of any lost or damaged items which have been checked out on his or her card, and the library will assess charges for lost or damaged materials. Parents or legal guardians of minor children are responsible for the replacement or repair cost of lost or damaged items checked out on their children's cards.

When materials are declared 'Lost' at 50 days overdue, borrowing privileges will be suspended until the total replacement costs of the items are paid in full. The Collection Development Manager will determine the extent of repair or the need to replace damaged materials. The Collection Development Manager will determine if a replacement copy may be accepted for a particular item.

Charges for lost or damaged materials shall include:

- Replacement cost of material
- Any overdue fines owed on the material

The library reserves the right to assess additional processing fees for checks returned due to non-sufficient funds.

If patrons pay for a lost item and later find the item, they may return the item to the library within 30 days of the date of payment and receive a refund. The patron must present their receipt when requesting a refund. If the item is in good condition as determined by library staff, a credit will be applied to their account and will offset any fines until it is expended. Any processing fees or overdue fines paid on the item are not refundable.

Any materials returned after 30 days are not eligible for any refunds, and the patron may keep these materials.

Items returned with replaceable missing parts or repairable damage will be assessed the appropriate charge for repair or replacement of parts. If parts cannot be replaced, the patron will be charged for replacement of the entire item.

If materials returned are damaged to the extent that they are no longer usable, the patron will be charged the full price of the item. The patron may then keep those materials.

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