



PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY

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Circulation Policy

To outline the conditions for obtaining a library card and the privileges and responsibilities associated with the use of a library card for borrowing materials and accessing services.

Policy:

Types of Library Cards: A library card will be provided free of charge to any person who wishes to borrow library materials, access remote databases or use library computers. Only one library card is allowed per individual. The type of service available will depend upon the applicant's residency and age.

Type of Library Card	Eligibility Requirements	Photo ID* & proof of residence required?	Privileges
Pima County Resident	Primary residence and residential mailing address in Pima County	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borrow library materials** • Reserve library materials** • Use interlibrary loan service • Reserve and use public computers • Access remote databases • Download digital resources
Arizona Resident	Primary residence and residential mailing address in Arizona, but not Pima County	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borrow library materials** • Reserve library materials** • Reserve and use public computers • Access <u>some</u> remote databases
Visitor	General delivery address in Arizona or primary residence and residential mailing address outside of Arizona	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borrow library materials** • Reserve library materials** • Reserve and use public computers
Computer Use	Anyone, regardless of residence	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserve and use public computers
Minor	Under age 18, primary residence and residential mailing address in Pima County, no parent or guardian assent to financial responsibility	No, but minor must know and provide residence address, phone number and birth date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borrow library materials** • Reserve and use public computers (filtered) • Access remote databases
Pima County Residential Care Facility	Independent, assisted, group and nursing homes located in Pima County	No, a copy of the facilities current license must be provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents may borrow library materials without obtaining a personal library card** • Residents may reserve library materials without obtaining a personal library card**
Linked	Holders of valid and current library card	No, all persons wishing to be "linked" must present a valid library card or photo identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick-up and check out materials reserved by other linked members** • Access check-out and account balance of any other linked member

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* Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute, Section 41-5001, a consular identification card issued by a foreign government is not valid identification in Arizona. A consular identification card will not be accepted as the required identification for obtaining a library card.

** The number of items that may be borrowed or reserved will vary with the type of library card. Ask your librarian for details.

Obtaining a Library Card for adults: A person must apply for or activate a library card in person at any branch of the Pima County Public Library. The person must provide the identification and proof listed in the table above. Only one card is allowed per individual.

Obtaining a Library Card for a minor:

- A parent or guardian may apply in person for a library card for their minor child. The person must provide the identification and proof listed in the table above. The child need not be present at the time of application. The parent or guardian must agree to be financially responsible for any fees or fines assessed on the minor.
- A parent or guardian may apply for the minor card by completing and signing a Library Card Application provided to the minor child's school by the Library. The parent or guardian must agree to be financially responsible for any fees or fines assessed on the minor.
- Any minor wishing to obtain a Minor's Library Card, must apply in person at any branch of the Pima County Public Library. The minor must provide the information listed in the table above. The parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified if a card is issued.

Establishing Linked Library Cards:

- With the exception of children under 13, all persons that wish to have the benefits of a Linked Library Card must come to a branch library together and present their valid library cards or a photo identification.
- If a child is under 13 years of age, a parent or guardian may appear in person and link to their minor's library account without the child being present.
- A minor may not establish a Linked Library card with anyone except his or her responsible parent or guardian.
- Any member of a Linked Library Card that is over the age of 13 may be removed from the linked service at any time.

Using a Library Card: To borrow materials a customer must have a current library account. Customers will have access to the services listed in the table above. In the event that the customer does not have his or her current library card when seeking library services, the client may present a current driver's license, an Arizona non-operator's license, a military identification

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card, or other valid photo identification. (A consular identification card issued by a foreign government is not valid photo identification.)

Library Card Holder Responsibilities:

- The customer is responsible for the timely return of all materials borrowed with his or her card.
- The customer is responsible for paying any and all fines and fees associated with his or her library card use.
- The parent or guardian of a minor with a Pima County, Arizona, or Visitor Library Card is responsible for paying any and all fines or fees associated with the minor's library card use and for the return of all materials borrowed by the minor.
- The parent or guardian of a minor is responsible for guiding his or her minor's Internet use and selection of library materials.¹

Lost or Stolen Library Cards: In order to avoid fees or fines, the library card holder (or the parent or guardian of a minor) must notify the library immediately if his or her library card is lost or stolen.

- When the library is notified that a card is lost or stolen, the card will be blocked to prevent further use of the card.
- If a library card is not reported as lost or stolen, the library card holder (or the parent or guardian of a minor) will be held responsible for replacing any materials borrowed and for paying any fees and fines.
- If the loss or theft is not immediately reported, the library may waive accumulated fees and fines upon proof, such as a police report or insurance claim, of the loss or theft.

Updating Customer Records:

- The library card holder, including a minor who has a "minor library card", must notify the library of any change in address, phone number or e-mail address.

¹ Library staff is not responsible for a minor's selection and use of any materials or for policing a child's Internet use or monitoring the content or appropriateness of any materials accessed by the minor via the Internet.

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- The parent or guardian of a minor with a Pima County, Arizona, or Visitor Library Card must notify the library of any change in address, phone number or e-mail address.

Loss of Borrowing Privileges: A library card holder will not be able to borrow materials under any of the following circumstances:

- The customer's borrowing limit of items has been reached.
- The customer's accumulated fines & fees are more than \$5.00.
- The customer's library privileges have been suspended.

Renewals: Most materials may be renewed unless another customer has reserved the item. High demand items may not be renewed.

Fines and Fees: A customer will be assessed overdue fines according to the Fines and Fees Schedule. The first three days materials are overdue is called the “grace period”. If materials are returned during the grace period, fines will not be assessed. After the expiration of the grace period, fines will be charged from the original due date.

Fines for overdue materials may be waived under certain extenuating circumstances as described in the Fines and Fees Schedule.

If an item is lost or damaged, the customer may either replace the item or pay the replacement fee established by the Library. If the customer chooses to replace the item, the replacement must be in the same format or medium, and in good condition. The Library will decide whether an offered replacement is acceptable.

Book Bucks: Minors under the age of 18 and owing fines for overdue materials may earn "Book Bucks" to cover the fines. "Book Bucks" may not be used to replace lost materials or to satisfy collection agency fees. Each year the Library will set a cap on the amount of "Book Bucks" distributed that will be no more than 10% of projected revenues from Fines and Fees. Ask your librarian for details.

Notification from the Library: The library will attempt to notify customers:

- When any reserved material is ready for pick up.
- When borrowed materials are overdue.
- Of the replacement cost of the item(s) that are not returned and of any fines or fees due and owing.²

² A customer may review the list of items he or she has borrowed or has on reserve and the outstanding balance of fines and fees on the Library's website. A parent or legal guardian may request notification of overdue information on his or her child's library card, if the parent has the child's card or the parent has photo identification and verifies the minor's information on file with the library.

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Collection Agency: When a customer owes at least \$50.00 in overdue fines and fees, and the balance has been outstanding for at least 50 days, the bill will be referred to a collection agency. Upon such referral an additional collection fee of \$10.00 will be assessed to the customer.

The collection agency may report customers that continue to owe \$50.00 or more to a credit bureau.

If a customer sets up and maintains a payment plan with the library, the collection agency activities will be suspended until payment is complete. However, the \$10.00 collection agency fee will not be waived.

Resource Sharing: Although the Pima County Public Library (PCPL) strives to have an extensive collection, the system cannot provide all materials that may be requested. When materials are not part of the PCPL collections, the customer has several options for obtaining the desired item:

- Customers that hold a current Pima County Resident Card will be able to use the Interlibrary Loan service³. Library Administration will establish guidelines for Interlibrary Loans including the number of active Interlibrary Loan requests that customers have pending at one time. The lending library has the sole discretion to determine whether to loan an original or a copy of the requested materials. In most cases, unless the lending library indicates otherwise, interlibrary loan items may be checked out for three weeks and may not be renewed.
- The librarian may be able to offer some or all of the following options:
 - Locate a low-cost version that the customer might purchase;
 - Library purchase of the item (the item must meet selection criteria and the purchase must be financially feasible);
 - Direct the customer to databases and web sources that may have the materials.

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³ Fees charged by the loaning library for copying or shipping items will be charged to the customer requesting the item. Customers will be notified of the estimated cost of the interlibrary loan, and must pay the same, prior to processing the request. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, the customer must pay the difference. The customer will be responsible for late fines or fees for lost or damaged items at the rates or charges assessed by the loaning library.