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This service is a quick way to get answers from trained OCL staff in real time. Access this service on our website or by texting your questions to 732-943-1625.

LOAN PERIODS

28 days:	Equipment, including but not limited to laptops, Launchpads, tablets, and WIFI hotspots. *Ocean County Residents only.*
21 days*:	Books, children's magazines, spoken word, music, non-fiction films, and Interlibrary loan materials
14 days:	Adult/Teen magazines
14 days:	Video games
7 days:	All feature films

*Items in high demand may have their loan period reduced from 21 days to 14 days.

Checkout limit:	60 items per card 3 video games
Request limit:	20 items per card
ILL Request limit:	5 items per card

The Ocean County Library is not responsible for any damage to your equipment resulting from the use of its materials.

RENEWALS

All items EXCEPT browser copies and magazines will be automatically renewed twice if not requested by another borrower. Interlibrary loan materials may be renewed once for 7 additional days. Renewal must be done on or before the ILL's due date.

FEES

THE OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY IS FINE FREE

The Library will still apply due dates for the books and materials, and will continue to send reminders when the items are due back.

Patrons are given a ten-day grace period to return overdue items before borrowing privileges will be suspended or until the cost of replacement has been paid. Patron accounts may be sent to our collection agency, which includes an additional $10.00 Service Charge.

The Ocean County Library does not charge for day-to-day overdue fees for library materials except equipment. For more information, visit:
https://theoceancountylibrary.org/policies-fees-forms/fine-free

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

$ 5.00	Interlibrary loan materials requested and not picked up
$ 5.00	Equipment (per day)
$ 5.00	Lost magazines
$ 10.00	Collection agency fees Returned check fees
$ .20	Computer printouts
$ .20	Color Photocopies
$ .10	Black and White Photocopies
$ 2.00	Earbuds
$ 7.00	USB Flash drives (each)
$ 9.50	Temporary Cards (per month, out of county with proof of address)

LOST/DAMAGED ITEMS

Replacement cost will be the price of the item for all materials except magazines. Customers are not eligible for refunds for lost materials that have been paid for. **"New replacement copies"** for lost/damaged print materials will be accepted if the ISBN is identical. Refunds for lost materials paid for and then subsequently found and returned will be considered on a case by case basis by Library Administration.

Please note: Cardholders and/or Parent or Legal Guardian of minor children under the age of 17 are responsible for all items on their library card & any fees. Borrowing privileges are suspended when unpaid fees and/or the value of overdue, unreturned material exceeds $25.00. Please report a lost card immediately.

**** Fee amounts are subject to change annually***

MUSEUM PASSES

OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY
MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM

Free to borrow passes to popular museums in NJ, NY, & PA for Ocean County residents with cards in good standing.

Visit our website for participating museums, FAQs, and to reserve your pass today!

UNATTENDED CHILDREN

The Library is a public place and the safety of all children is therefore a serious concern.

- Children under the age of 6 may not be left unattended in any part of the Library.
- Children 6-8 years old must have a parent or adult caregiver in the building at all times.
- Children 9-12 years old are welcome to use the Library unattended, but should not be left alone for extended periods of time.
- When unattended children under the age of 14 are present at closing time, staff will call the caregiver.
- If a child has not been picked up within 15 minutes after closing, staff will call the local police or county security.

SYSTEM HOURS

BARNEGAT BRANCH
112 Burr Street
Barnegat, NJ 08005
(609) 698-3331
Mon 9-5
Tues-Thurs 9-9
Fri & Sat 9-5
Sun - Closed

BAY HEAD EXPRESS
83 Bridge Avenue
Bay Head, NJ 08742
(732) 892-0662
Mon-Fri 9-4
Sat & Sun - Closed

BEACHWOOD BRANCH
126 Beachwood Boulevard
Beachwood, NJ 08722
(732) 244-4573
Mon 10-9
Tues-Fri 10-5
Sat 10-2
Sun - Closed

BERKELEY BRANCH
30 Station Road
Bayville, NJ 08721
(732) 269-2144
Mon-Thurs 9-9
Fri & Sat 9-5
Sun - Closed

BRICK BRANCH
301 Chambers Bridge Road
Brick, NJ 08723
(732) 477-4513
Mon-Thurs 9-9
Fri & Sat 9-5
Sun - Closed

ISLAND HEIGHTS BRANCH
121 Central Avenue
Island Heights, NJ 08732
(732) 270-6266
Mon 10-9
Tues-Fri 10-5
Sat 10-2
Sun - Closed

JACKSON BRANCH
2 Jackson Drive
Jackson, NJ 08527
(732) 928-4400
Mon-Thurs 9-9
Fri & Sat 9-5
Sun 1-5

LACEY BRANCH
10 E. Lacey Road
Forked River, NJ 08731
(609) 693-8566
Mon-Thurs 9-9
Fri & Sat 9-5
Sun - Closed

LAKEWOOD BRANCH
301 Lexington Avenue
Lakewood, NJ 08701
(732) 363-1435
Mon-Thurs 9-9
Fri & Sat 9-5
Sun 1-5

LITTLE EGG HARBOR BRANCH
290 Mathistown Road
Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087
(609) 294-1197
Mon 9-5
Tues -Thurs 9-9
Fri & Sat 9-5
Sun - Closed

SYSTEM HOURS CONTINUED

LONG BEACH ISLAND BRANCH
217 South Central Avenue
Surf City, NJ 08008
(609) 494-2480
Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9-5
Tues, Wed 9-9
Sun - Closed

MANCHESTER BRANCH
21 Colonial Drive
Manchester, NJ 08759
(732) 657-7600
Mon-Thurs 9-9
Fri & Sat 9-5
Sun - Closed

PLUMSTED BRANCH
119 Evergreen Road
New Egypt, NJ 08533
(609) 758-7888
Mon 10-9
Tues - Fri 10-5
Sat 10-2
Sun - Closed

POINT PLEASANT BEACH BRANCH
710 McLean Avenue
Pt. Pleasant Beach,
NJ 08742
(732) 892-4575
Mon 10-9
Tues-Fri 10-5
Sat 10-2
Sun - Closed

POINT PLEASANT BOROUGH BRANCH
834 Beaver Dam Road
Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742
(732) 295-1555
Mon 9-5
Tues-Thurs 9-9
Fri & Sat 9-5
Sun - Closed

STAFFORD BRANCH
179 S. Main Street
Manahawkin, NJ 08050
(609) 597-3381
Mon 9-5
Tues-Thurs 9-9
Fri & Sat 9-5
Sun 1-5

TUCKERTON BRANCH
380 Bay Avenue
Tuckerton, NJ 08087
(609) 296-1470
Mon 10-9
Tues- Fri 10-5
Sat 10-2
Sun - Closed

UPPER SHORES BRANCH
112 Jersey City Avenue
Lavallette, NJ 08735
(732) 793-3996
Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9-5
Tues & Wed 9-9
Sun - Closed

WARETOWN BRANCH
112 Main Street
Waretown, NJ 08758
(609) 693-5133
Mon 10-9
Tues-Fri 10-5
Sat 10-2
Sun - Closed

WHITING READING CENTER
WHITING COMMONS SHOPPING CENTER
400 Lacey Rd. Suite 5
Whiting, NJ 08759
(732) 849-0391
Mon 10-9
Tues-Fri 10-5
Sat 10-2
Sun - Closed

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RULES OF CONDUCT

The following activities are not permitted:

1. **Fighting; physical or verbal threats.**
2. **Violent or tumultuous behavior.**
3. **Loud and offensively coarse or abusive language.**
4. **Being intoxicated or under the influence of cannabis or cannabis products. Hereafter, the word cannabis will include cannabis and cannabis products.**
5. **Damaging Library property.**
6. **Preventing or disrupting a lawful meeting.**
7. **Improper interfering with the use of the Library.**
8. **Communicating in a manner likely to cause annoyance or alarm; interfering with staff's performance of their duties.**
9. **Striking, kicking, shoving, or other offensive touching, or threats to do so.**
10. **Stealing.**
11. **a. Smoking or use of any drug constituting a controlled dangerous substance as defined by New Jersey law.**
    b. Ingestion or consumption of alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, or other controlled products as defined by New Jersey law.
12. **Guide or service animals as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act and/or the New Jersey Law against Discrimination ARE permitted in the Library when accompanying a person with disabilities. No other animals are permitted in the Library unless they are part of an authorized educational program.**
13. **Offensive bodily hygiene. Bathing and laundering clothes in the public restrooms are specifically not permitted.**
14. **Eating or drinking, except in designated areas.**
15. **Improper attire. Shoes, shirts, pants, shorts, or bathing suit cover-ups must be worn.**
16. **Soliciting, gambling or panhandling; distribution of unauthorized printed materials, petitions, or surveys.**
17. **Carrying or manufacturing weapons.**
18. **Using the Internet to display obscenity.**
19. **Using the Internet for**
    a. illegal activities or
    b. child pornography.
20. **Sleeping, except for young children under the supervision of a parent or caregiver.**
21. **Oversized or unattended bags or carts. Unattended or abandoned items may be subject to seizure or removal from the Library.**
22. **Unauthorized filming of any nature, photography, or video recording, without the express written authority of the Library Administration.**
23. **Depositing bodily fluids on Library furnishings or property.**
24. **Neglecting to provide proper supervision of children by parent or caregiver.**
25. **Inappropriate exposure of the body; any conduct of a lewd or lascivious nature.**
26. **Sexual harassment of patrons or staff.**

YOUR ACCOUNT

24 HRS A DAY/7 DAYS A WEEK BY TELEPHONE, COMPUTER OR MOBILE DEVICE

You can go mobile with the Ocean County Library app available on iOS and Android. You can access your account as well as books, information, digital downloads, Library events and more!

You can also access your account via the Library's website and view the following: items checked out with due dates; items on hold and fines. You can also place requests and renew items 24/7.

We also provide printed or emailed receipts to track your borrowed items. Notifications can be sent via telephone, email or text message at your request.

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