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A. Philosophy and general principles

The Library Board, in its Circulation Policy, attempts to balance the library's purpose of supplying information with the need to monitor and retrieve library materials. The Board seeks to put as few restrictions on the flow of information as possible while protecting the community's access to library resources.

Library service will be available without discrimination to individuals and groups of every race, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status.

The Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to View and Freedom to Read documents (included) shall govern the circulation as well as the selection of library materials.

The library may charge fines and fees to encourage compliance with procedures which promote fair and equal access to limited resources for all patrons. Patrons may be notified of overdue materials, outstanding fines/fees or damaged materials they have returned, by telephone, email notices, printed notices, and/or other means. Fines and fees apply whether or not the notification is received.

B. Confidentiality

The Board of Trustees of the Robert W. Barlow Memorial Library respects the privacy of users and recognizes its responsibility to protect their privacy in accordance with the Code of Iowa and the American Library Association's statement of professional ethics. Confidentiality of library records is central to intellectual freedom and directly related to the ability of citizens to use library materials and pursue information without fear of intimidation. The purpose of this policy is to explain how the Robert W. Barlow Library will respond to requests for information about library users.

The Robert W. Barlow Memorial Library Board of Trustees recognizes that library circulation records and other records identifying specific users are confidential in nature as covered in Iowa Code Section 22.7, which states that the records of a library shall be kept confidential when by themselves or examined with other public records, would reveal the identity of the library patron checking out or requesting an item or information. No individual except authorized library staff shall have access to circulation or patron records other than his or her own without the cardholder's consent.

The Library will release information to the parent or guardian of a minor child for the purpose of recovering overdue materials and settling accounts for lost, late or damaged material, and for other matters related to the recovery of material or charges incurred by minor children for which a parent or guardian may be considered liable. However, information will not be provided to the parent or guardian who is merely attempting to determine what library materials a minor child is using.

Confidentiality extends to information sought or received and materials consulted, borrowed, or acquired, and includes Internet and electronic resource search records; reference interviews and transactions, circulation records, interlibrary loan records, and other personally identifiable uses of library materials, equipment, or services.

The Library cannot guarantee the confidentiality of information sought or received, or materials consulted or borrowed, from third party digital services to which we provide service.

The Library Director or the Director's designee, as the lawful custodian of library records, is authorized to release records that are otherwise confidential "upon a judicial determination that a rational connection exists between the requested release of information and a legitimate end and that the need for the information is cogent and compelling" (Iowa Code 22.7). The Library Director or the Director's designee will seek legal counsel from the City of Iowa Falls attorney in the event of such request for release of library records, and will respond to the request according to advice of counsel.

C. BEACON

The Barlow Library is a member of Beacon, a consortium that provides a shared automation system for public libraries (and some school libraries) in North Central Iowa. Patrons who have a valid Barlow Library card may check out materials from any Beacon library using their Barlow library card. Consequently any card holder from a Beacon library can check out materials from the Barlow Library using their home library card. Rules of other libraries may vary slightly from the Barlow Library. Check out of materials from the Barlow Library must follow our circulation rules. (see Beacon brochure for current libraries—in Policy Manual—Supporting Documents)

D. Cards and Registration

Residents of Iowa Falls and surrounding area are eligible to obtain a borrower's card free of charge. Anyone applying for a library card must apply in person. A government issued picture ID is required with current address or a second piece of ID will be required to show current address. Additional ID's can be a utility bill, voter's registration, state ID, or a piece of mail with current name and address, or post office change-of-address form. There is no fee for the issuance of the first Barlow Library card.

Ellsworth Community College Students may obtain a library card with an ECC picture ID card and Government Issued ID while providing their on campus address (dorm). If the ECC student lives off campus, they must provide an ECC picture ID and Government Issued ID with Additional ID (see above) providing their current off campus address.

Library cards will be issued to anyone who can present verification of their address and who are at least age 6 years old (with parent/guardian). A child who wants a library card and is age 6-17 will need to be present with a parent *or guardian* who will need to verify current address (see above).

Children ages 6-17 will need to fill out a registration form. Form included, see Supporting Documents in Policy Manual. *If the responsible parent/guardian residing in the child(ren)'s household is a registered library patron s/he must have a record that does not exceed \$5.00 in fees, fines, or overdue materials.* Card can be issued to child but cannot check out until fines are paid off.

Registered borrowers must present their library card to check out materials. If a patron cannot provide his/her library card, the patron will be asked to show a picture ID and to verify personal information from the patron record. The patron will be reminded to bring their card on their next visit.

Library cards are renewed annually in order to keep accurate records. Address verification will be required when renewing an expired card. Proof of new residency may be requested. Cardholders are responsible for their cards and should report a lost card to the library as soon as possible.

E. Open Access

Patrons of other Iowa libraries may borrow materials from the Barlow Library. A library card may be issued free of charge to an individual presenting an Iowa Government Issued ID and a valid library card (**up-to-date information with no fines**) from any Iowa library that has been legally established under provisions of the Iowa Code and participates in the Open Access program. If the patron is from a Beacon library see Section C. above.

F. Circulation of Materials

Most books and other library materials except videos circulate for 30 days. Videos are a two day checkout. Certain high demand materials such as new Fiction and Holiday books may be limited to a 14 day checkout.

All books and materials may be renewed for one additional checkout period unless the item has been reserved by another library patron, in which case no renewals are allowed. Library materials may be renewed in person, via telephone, or online through the library's website.

There is no limit to the total number of items which may be checked out by a single patron as long as the patron is in good standing, including overdues and all other fines. (See overdue policy) Video materials are limited to 3 items total.

A reserve request on a book title may be made in person, via telephone or online through the library's website. Once a reserve title has come in or has been located, the patron requesting the title will be notified by phone call that their title is available. The patron will also be notified that the title will be held on the reserve shelf in their name for 10 days, with an exact end date given to the patron. If the patron has not come in two days after the first call, the patron will be notified again by phone call that the title will be held in their name for one more week, again with an exact end date. If the patron does not come in to pick up the reserved book at the ten day mark, the next person in line will be called or if there are no other patrons requesting the reserved book, the book will be returned to the shelf. DVD titles may not be reserved.

Patrons may not use a library card other than their own unless it is another family member's, with permission being granted first and card in hand.

Exceptions – The Director of the Robert W. Barlow Memorial Library upon application and demonstration of sufficient cause may grant exceptions to the Circulation of Materials Policy.

G. Overdues

Items are to be returned by closing time of the due date. Any materials returned after hours of the due date in the drop box will be considered overdue. Patrons are asked to return items by the due date or to renew before or on the due date.

Effective 01/01/2022, The Robert W. Barlow Memorial Library will not collect overdue fines on materials, with the exception of DVDs, ice skates and snowshoes. A fine of fifty cents (\$.50) per DVD, pair of skates or snowshoes per day will be assessed against any patron not returning materials to the library by closing time of the due date. The maximum overdue fine for one item is \$5.00. For Example: a DVD will stop accumulating fines when the fine reaches the amount of \$5.00. If the DVD is considered lost, the patron will only pay the cost for the replacement of the DVD. Patrons may set up a payment plan to pay for the replacement cost of lost/damaged materials. Arrangements will be made at the discretion of the Library Director.

Computer Use and Borrowing Privileges are suspended when accumulated unpaid fines or fees exceed \$5.00. Patrons with overdue or lost items will have borrowing privileges and computer use withheld until overdue

materials are returned and/or lost or damaged items are paid for. Patrons with fines exceeding \$5.00 or any overdue materials may not use another patron's card in order to check out materials.

Family member of the same household, regardless of age, may not check out materials or use the computer when another household/family member has unpaid fines exceeding \$5.00, lost materials or any overdue materials.

Overdue, Lost and Damaged Materials Procedure –

1st Month Overdue – Phone call or letter (if unable to reach by phone) to patron notifying them of overdue material.

2nd Month Overdue – Check of the account status and a search of the shelves to see if overdue material is located on the shelf. Overdue letter with an Iowa Code (see attached) is mailed out.

3rd Month Overdue – Check of the account status and a search of the shelves to see if overdue material is located on the shelf. Library materials are now subject to the replacement cost of the items. Invoice for materials is mailed with Iowa Code letter.

4th Month Overdue – Check of the account status and a search of the shelves to see if overdue material is located on the shelf. Account info for the patron is given to the **Iowa Falls Police Department** for collection. Those patrons outside city limits may be notified by the **Hardin County Sheriff's office**.

5th Month Overdue – Items will be considered lost and will be deleted from system and replaced. Items will be billed to patron on their account. Any item returned after deletion from system may be subjected to a \$5.00 processing fee.

Patrons with overdue DVDs will periodically be called throughout the month, when time allows

Exceptions – The Director of the Robert W. Barlow Memorial Library upon application and demonstration of sufficient cause may grant exceptions to the Overdue Policy.

H. Special Collections

The library will add unique materials to the library collection based on several conditions, including but not limited, to the following:

- Funding, ease of maintenance, storage, special interest, and relevancy.
- When new items are added to the collection, such as e-readers or other equipment, specific circulation rules will apply.
- The rules/procedures for a special collection will be based on, but not limited to, the following: availability, safety, seasonal restrictions,
- As new special collections are made available to the public, there may need to be restrictions of use placed upon materials for purposes of “beta testing”.
- The scope of all special collections are subject to the discretion of the library administration
- The overdue policy (Section G) is applicable to all materials listed as part of the Special Collections.

1. Special Collection: Ice Skates and Snowshoes

- Ice skate and snowshoe check-out policies will follow our current DVD check out rules.
- 2-day check out, 1 renewal (for 4 days total check out), 50 cents/day fines, limit of 3 pairs of skates and snowshoes per card holder
- No holds can be placed on skates or snowshoes.
- Ice skates and snowshoes must be returned inside the library and NOT in the book drop.
- Regular restriction in regards to overdue materials on library account will apply to ice skates and snowshoe check out
- Out of town guests to the library and ECC students may check out skates and snowshoes. A valid Government Issued ID must be left with the circulation desk, along with a current phone number, during the time the skates and snowshoes are checked out. A “guest” library card can then be used to check out skates and snowshoes, with the same 3 pairs per card limit. All other rules apply to check out.

2. Special Collection: Book-A-Bike

- No biking on inclement weather days (rainy, foggy, days or days with severe weather advisories)
- Borrowers must have a current Barlow library card in good standing (per library policy)
- Everyone must have a **Lending Agreement** on file, information recorded in Circ record
- Children up to and including age 12 years must have a parent or guardian present to borrow equipment & **Parental/Guardian consent** form on file
- Teens 13-17 years may borrow equipment without an adult present, but must have a **Parental/Guardian consent** form on file
- Bikes and equipment may be borrowed from the point of check out until at least 15 minutes before library closing and before dark of the same day. As seasons and daylight hours change, times may be adjusted by the Library Director.
- Check out for bikes/equipment is when conditions are acceptable for check out, no renewals, fines are 50 cents per day, limit to two bicycles/equipment (Burley, trailer bike) per card holder
- No holds can be placed on bicycles.
- If checking out a bicycle, **helmets are required**—the library can provide one for check out or patron can use their own
- Helmets and locks are also an all day check out, no renewals, 50 cent fine per day.
- Borrowers must report any damage or malfunctions to library staff immediately
- **A bike lock must be checked out when checking out a bike.** When left unattended, equipment must be locked and secured
- Borrowers are responsible for stolen, lost or damaged equipment, excluding any damage determined to be caused by wear and tear.

- Borrowers must obey traffic and bike path rules and courtesies
- Out of town guests to the library and ECC students may check out bikes/equipment. A valid Government Issued ID must be left with the circulation desk, along with a current phone number and signed lending agreement, during the time the bikes/equipment are checked out. A “guest” library card can then be used to check out bikes/equipment, with the same 2 bikes/equipment per card limit. All other rules apply to check out.
- Book A Bike Season and check out is determined by library administration based on weather and other conditions.

3. **Special Collection: 3D Printer**

This policy establishes how and under what circumstances the public may use the 3D printer. The 3D printer is available to the public for educational purposes to make three dimensional objects using a design that is uploaded from digital computer file.

- The 3D Printer may be used for lawful purposes only. Patrons will not be permitted to use the printer to create objects that are:
 - Prohibited by local, state or federal laws.
 - In violation of another’s intellectual property; for example, materials that are subject to copyright, patent or trademark protection.
 - Unsafe, harmful, dangerous or that may pose an immediate threat to the well-being of others; for example, guns, knives or other possibly lethal weapons.
 - Obscene or otherwise inappropriate items for the library environment.
- At this time, only images available in .stl file format can be printed. Any other files would need approval from the Library Director or Youth Services Director.
- When an image is chosen, the image will be evaluated for appropriateness and downloaded on to a library staff computer. A patron may bring in a .stl file on a flash drive.
- One printed item per person per day, up to a six-hour print time. Items may only be printed on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and only when the designated staff members are available. A signup sheet will be available. You may watch your item print, or you may pick it up at a later time. We will hold your item for one week. If the item is not picked up within this time period, your rights to future printing will be forfeited.
- Cost of items are determined by printing time. One hour = \$1.00, up to six hours.
- To use the printer, the patron must present a photo ID or have a current Barlow Library card in good standing (per library policy). The Barlow Library is not responsible for any object created with use of the 3D Printer, including harm or injury incurred as a result of any usage of the 3D printer or the object which is printed.

4. **Special Collection: Playaway Launchpad Tablets**

- The Playaway Launchpad Tablet set includes a tablet, charge cord and plug in.
- Tablets may be checked out for a one-week period, one tablet per card.
- Fines of \$0.50/day will be assessed for late returns. See Overdue Section G for details and procedure.

I. Circulation Damaged Materials Policy

Library users are expected to pay an item's full replacement charge if damaged or pieces are lost while borrowed on a library card account. Charges will be assessed for any item returned that is no longer in appropriate condition for continued circulation. Determination of “appropriate condition” is made by staff.

A minimum \$5.00 processing fee will be charged to patron for repair of item and if an item needs complete replacing, the fee would be the full replacement cost for the item.

Damage includes, but not limited to:

- Ripped or chewed pages
- Liquid damage
- Markings with pen or pencil
- Broken cases and/or discs

If items are returned with missing pieces (i.e.: discs from an audio book), patron will be notified. The item will remain checked out to the patron until the piece(s) is returned or replaced. The cost for replacement will depend on if the piece can be replaced or if the whole item needs to be replaced.

If patron is not made aware of damaged item by staff in person at time of return (such as an item was returned in book drop), contact will be made immediately by phone and/or letter informing the patron of the amount owed for the damage.

- Special collections may have unique and specific charges depending on the item damaged—examples include but are not limited to the ice skate and bicycle collection.
- Any special consideration of items damaged is subject to the discretion of the Library Director.

J. Unclaimed and Lost & Found Property Policy

This policy refers to the retention and disposal of unclaimed lost and found items at the Robert W. Barlow Memorial Library.

- The RWB Library is not responsible for the security of any personal items brought to the library. Patrons are expected to keep their belongings, especially valuables such as wallets, purses, cell phones and laptops, within their sight at all times.
- The Library Director and staff shall be the primary contacts for inquiries regarding lost and abandoned property found in the library. Upon discovery of lost property, the library staff shall first attempt to contact the owner when there is a name, telephone number or address associated with the property.
- Property found by the library staff or turned over to staff will be placed in a secure area at the circulation desk.
- Unclaimed property will be retained at the circulation desk for a minimum of 90 days. Items not claimed within 90 days will be disposed of. Means of disposal may include recycling, donation, or the discarding of the item(s). Any item with an estimated value in excess of \$100, and if unclaimed, will be transferred to the Iowa Falls Police Department.
- Hazardous or perishable items will be disposed of immediately.
- Periodically the unclaimed items will be placed in a “lost and found” box for patrons to review. If the items are left unclaimed in the box, they will be disposed of as described above.