

Carol Stream Public Library

5.J Reciprocal Access Policy

Reciprocal Access:

All patrons entering the Carol Stream Public Library will have complete access to all on-shelf material without the need to present a library card. In-house access to online subscription databases is also available to all patrons. The use of audio-visual material is available in so far as the equipment necessary to play the medium is available and valid identification is presented.

Reciprocal Borrowing:

Reciprocal Borrowing is defined as the right of a person holding a current library card valid for system-wide borrowing from a full member public library to borrow on-site from all the other public libraries which are full members of the library system. The Carol Stream Public Library shall also honor library cards issued to non-residents of the system area if the library does not opt-out of the non-resident card program. (See Illinois Administrative Code, Section 3030.35(b)(2))

Carol Stream Public Library patrons in good standing may use their library cards to check out materials at other Illinois public libraries according to the policies of the lending library. Those materials are the responsibility of the individual who borrows them, and are subject to all of the fines, fees, rules, and regulations of the lending library. At the patron's own risk of violating the rules and regulations of the lending library, and/or another system, library materials borrowed from other libraries may be returned at the Carol Stream Public Library to be returned to the owning library through System or any other arranged delivery.

Patrons with a current library card in good standing from any Illinois public library participating in the reciprocal borrowing program may borrow material from the Carol Stream Public Library with the presentation of the Library card and a valid photo I.D. There will be no restrictions on the type of material or the number of items borrowed beyond those restrictions in place for Carol Stream Public Library cardholders. The same circulation policies in regard to length of loan, renewals and charges for overdue, damaged or lost material will apply to reciprocal borrowing patrons that are in place for Carol Stream Public Library cardholders. The reciprocal borrowing privileges of a library's cardholder may be suspended for violation of the provisions of this policy.

If a Carol Stream Public Library patron loses or damages material borrowed from another library, they are responsible for payments to the owning library. If payments are not made within 2 months of the due date, the Carol Stream Public Library will reimburse the owning library, dependent on timely notification. The patron must then make restitution to the Carol Stream Public Library, subject to penalties for failure to make restitution, including but not limited to loss of borrowing privileges at Carol Stream Public Library.

The Carol Stream Public Library will collect and report statistics as required by the Reaching Across Illinois Library System and by the Illinois State Library.