

CHATHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Circulation Policy

Borrowing & Intellectual Freedom

The Chatham Public Library (CPL) endorses and defends the concept of intellectual freedom, as protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, and as described in the American Library Association Bill of Rights, the Freedom to read and the Freedom to View statements (available at the Chatham Public Library).

Individual patrons determine for themselves what library materials are appropriate for personal checkout or viewing. Parents or guardians are responsible for determining what their children borrow, view or use in the library. Library staff will not monitor or restrict any patron's borrowing or use of the library, its materials, or its resources based on a patron's age, background or views.

Eligibility for a Library Card

In order to borrow materials, all borrowers must be registered and have a valid local or system patron card to borrow library materials.

Applicants under 18 must have a parent or guardian give their consent before a card will be issued.

A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.

Patron Responsibility

Use of the library card implies acceptance of and adherence to all regulations of the Chatham Public Library. Patrons are financially responsible for all materials checked out on their library card.

Borrowing

The Library director will establish length of loan periods for books, cassettes, CDs and periodicals borrowed from the Chatham Public Library. Renewals are approved unless item is on hold or is not the property of CPL. Any items borrowed within the Mid-Hudson Library System can be return to this or another member library. A patron may Claim Returned without penalty.

Fines & Charges

The Library does not charge overdue fines. The Library does not accept payment of fines incurred through the borrowing of other Mid-Hudson Library System library materials, or local patron use of other Mid-Hudson Library System libraries..

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