

## **LOAN PERIODS, LIMITS, RENEWALS AND HOLDS<sup>1</sup>**

The Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library is a member of the Evergreen Indiana Library Consortium. The loan periods, limits, renewal options and holds policies are set by the consortium and will be used by the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library. Current Evergreen policies may be found here: [https://evergreenindiana.org/?page\\_id=2770](https://evergreenindiana.org/?page_id=2770).

### **LOAN PERIODS**

The Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library loans materials in a variety of formats. Different formats may be checked out for different lengths of time. Due dates will not fall on any date the Library is closed.

### **LIMITS**

Limits on the maximum number of total items allowed for checkout on one library card will be imposed. Similarly, a maximum number of items allowed for checkout of a particular format on one library card will be imposed.

### **RENEWALS OF MATERIALS**

Patrons may renew some formats of materials up to a pre-determined number of times if there are no holds on these items placed by another patron. If holds exist, the items may not be renewed. Eligible items checked out at the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public may be automatically renewed.

Patrons may request a longer circulation period at check out on some items to accommodate personal needs, e.g. vacations; however, such requests may not be possible for items that other patrons have requested.

### **HOLDS ON LIBRARY MATERIALS**

Patrons may place holds on holdable materials via the online catalog, or may contact the Library to request assistance in placing a hold. Patrons are permitted a pre-determined number of holds at any one time. If the hold is placed on an item that is owned by another Evergreen Indiana library, the item will be sent to the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library via a courier and may take a week or longer to arrive. Holds remain on the shelf for 5 days after they are received. If patrons require more than 5 days to pick up items, they may call HMMPL staff to request an extension.

Patrons from other Evergreen Indiana libraries may not place holds on items from the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library's collection for the first 6 months an item is new to the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library. Similarly, Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library patrons may not place holds on any items that are new to other Evergreen Indiana libraries for the first 6 months the items are new in the other libraries' collections.

### **EXCEPTIONS**

When a patron's account exceeds a pre-determined maximum amount owed in fees and replacement charges for lost materials, the patron's card will be blocked from being able to

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<sup>1</sup> Information about lengths of loan periods, and renewal and hold limits is available at the Circulation Desks at the Library and on the Library's website.

check out additional materials, including renewals, until the total charges on the account drop below this pre-set maximum amount.

When a patron's account reaches a pre-determined number of overdue items, the patron's card will be blocked from being able to check out additional materials, or renew currently checked out materials until the total number of overdue items on the account drops below this pre-set maximum amount.