Borrowing Policy

A Wood-Ridge Memorial Library Card provides borrowing privileges at all 78 member libraries of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS). A total of fifty items may be borrowed on your card. Loan periods are determined by BCCLS. Your card grants you access to materials listed in our Library catalog, our digital collections, our subscription databases, and our Museum Passes. Your valid card must be presented to borrow materials; cards are not transferable.

Who is eligible for a Wood-Ridge Memorial Library card?
If you live in or own property in Wood-Ridge, you are eligible for a library card. One of the following proofs of residency is required:

- Valid NJ Driver’s License displaying your Wood-Ridge, NJ address.
- State or County issued Non-Driver Identification Card.
- Property tax bill.
- Utility bill (water, electric, etc.)
- Telephone bill
- Lease, if renting, or mortgage agreement.
- High school or college transcript showing your current Wood-Ridge address, issued within the last year.

Can a child have a Library card?
Yes. Children from the ages of 5 to 17 may have a card. A parent or guardian must come to the Library in person to request a card for their child, and show proof of residency. Parents/guardians are responsible for all materials borrowed by their children.

Can a Moonachie resident get a Wood-Ridge Memorial Library card?
Yes. Moonachie cards are restricted to on-site borrowing at the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, for Wood-Ridge materials only. It does not permit remote access to digital collections or subscription research databases. Moonachie residents must request a Library card application letter at the Moonachie Borough Hall (70 Moonachie Rd., Moonachie, NJ). They must specify whether they want a card for the Wood-Ridge, Little Ferry, or Hackensack Library. Moonachie requires their residents to pay a portion of the fee that is charged by the lending library. The current fee for a Wood-Ridge Memorial Library card is $60.

An adult head of household should bring the letter issued from the Moonachie Borough Hall to the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. One card will be issued for use by all family members for a period of one year. At the end of the year, a new application must be obtained and brought to the Wood-Ridge
Memorial Library with the expired Library card. Any fines accrued on the card must be paid before the card is renewed.

**Can I request items from other BCCLS Libraries?**
Yes, you may request to have items shipped from other BCCLS member libraries to the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. Items may be requested in person, by phone, or online via the BCCLS catalog. You will be contacted by phone, email, or text (according to your preference) when your item arrives. The Library card associated with the request must be presented at pick-up by the card holder.

**When does my Library card expire?**
Library cards expire in three years. At that time, you'll need to bring your card and a proof of residency.

**What if I lose my card?**
There is no fee to get a replacement card- simply bring your proof of ID, and we'll issue you a new card.

**Where can I return borrowed materials?**
You can return items to the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library or to any BCCLS library. The outdoor book drop is open 24/7. Museum Passes must be returned to the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library directly, either at the front desk or through the book drop.

**What is a Museum Pass, how can I check one out, and what are the rules for them?**
A Museum Pass is purchased by the Library for our patrons to use for free entry. Each pass has specific rules set by the Museum it belongs to. You can find a list of museums by clicking here. Museum Passes must be returned to the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. Passes may be returned in the Book Drop. Passes carry a fine of $10.00 per day if they’re late, or a fee of $50.00 for replacement in the event the pass is lost or damaged. Wood-Ridge patrons must be in good standing, with a current library card. Only one museum pass per household at a time is allowed to be borrowed. Passes can be reserved in advance. Walk-ins are not guaranteed that their Museum Pass will be available for check out.

**What if I lose or damage an item?**
You will be charged a replacement fee for lost or irreparably damaged items.
Borrowing Periods
Please refer to the chart below for borrowing periods and renewals.

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The Library does not charge fines for Wood-Ridge owned items, with the exception of Museum Passes. Other libraries may charge fines according to their policies.

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