



The Seattle Public Library

Attention cardholders: Borrowing limits and fines/fees change Oct. 15

Effective Oct. 15, 2009

- **Check-out limit: 50 items.** Cardholders will need to reduce the number of items checked out to below 50 in order to borrow anything else.
- **Limit on placing holds: 25 items.** Includes active and suspended holds, and holds available for pick-up. Cardholders won't lose unfilled holds, but won't be able to place more holds until the total is below 25.
- **Interlibrary Loan fee: \$5 for each item obtained** on/after Oct. 15, 2009. The fee for this specialized service does not apply to holds placed on material owned by The Seattle Public Library. It applies only to items that customers ask the Library to borrow from other library systems.
- **Items designated for children 12 and under: Daily fines of 15 cents per item** accrue on overdue items
- **Literacy and ESL items: Daily fines of 15 cents per item** accrue on overdue items
- **Annual Library card for nonresidents: \$85**
- **Three-month Library card for visitors: \$25**

The Seattle Public Library board of trustees revised the Materials Loan Policy to:

- **Address the high demand for limited Library books** and other items during tough economic times
- **Continue to provide quality service** with a constrained budget
- **Maximize the circulation of books** and other items for all customers
- **Bring borrowing limits and fees in line** with other library systems

The Library has implemented \$1 million in cuts this year to help address a city budget deficit.

For more information, talk to a Library staff member, call 206-386-4636,
or visit the Library's Web site at www.spl.org .