

Horicon Public Library

Horicon Public Library—eReader Policy

Name of Patron _____

Patron is a minor. (Less than 18 years of age)

1. The Library has available Kindle eReaders and Nooks. The purpose of providing these items is to house a great number of texts, expanding Library resources. Like the “material” collection that we offer on the shelves of the Library, eReaders allow access to ideas, information, and commentary from around the globe. While they offer many benefits, they also enable access to some material that may be inaccurate, offensive, pornographic, disturbing, and/or illegal. Clients and staff should remember that some material available through the eReader may be outdated, wrong, or biased. All information should be critically evaluated. The benefits of access outweigh the disadvantages, but caution should be employed when using this resource.
2. Since eReaders may offer access to texts that are: offensive, pornographic, disturbing, and/or illegal, parental written permission must be obtained before anyone under the age of 18 may check it out. Parents are strongly encouraged to monitor their child’s use of the eReader.
3. The Library staff does not monitor use of the eReader.
4. Downloading to the eReader by the patron will not be allowed, even if the eContent is free and even if the patron is willing to pay for it. If you wish to have a title downloaded to the eReader that you check out it must be downloaded by a Library Staff member only, even if it is a free item. If you wish to pay and donate an item to the Library’s eContent, please contact the Library to make this request. We very much appreciate your donation.
5. Use of the Library’s eReader for illegal purposes will not be tolerated.
6. eReaders currently have a loan period of two weeks. No renewals are allowed at this time.
7. Holds on eReaders owned by Horicon Public Library will be placed by Horicon Public Library Staff members only. Patrons may contact Library Staff members in person or by phone to place this hold. When a patron requests a hold on an eReader, he/she may also request a title as eContent. Horicon Public Library eReaders will only be picked up at, checked out at, and returned to an adult Staff Member at Horicon Public Library, 404 E. Lake Street, Horicon, Wisconsin. EReaders will not be transported in delivery.
8. If an eReader is lost or destroyed, the Patron responsible will be billed for all contents included in the item checked out, plus a processing fee. Any fraction of the packaging containing the eReader is subject to charge, including the eReader, barcode, case, user’s guide in binder, quick start guide, plug, usb cord and mini-backpack. Parents are the responsible party for items checked out by their minor children, including eReaders.
9. Patrons will be charged a \$1 per day late fee for overdue eReaders. There will be no limit on the fine a patron can incur.
10. Intentional misuse or abuse of the eReader may result in suspension of eReader checkout privileges, legal prosecution or both.

I have read the eReader policy of the Horicon Public Library

I give permission for my child to check out the eReader from Horicon Public Library.

Signature of Patron: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Adult Staff Member _____