
FINES/FEES

The Cape May County Library (CMCL) lends a variety of materials to our community for established lending periods. Patrons are encouraged to return materials on time. CMCL does not charge late fines on the majority of materials and agrees with the American Library Association policy statement that “imposition of monetary library fines creates a barrier to the provision of library and information services.” CMCL does charge minimal fees for certain services and for materials that are lost or damaged.

Late Fines

- The majority of materials do not accrue late fines with the following exceptions:

Interlibrary Loans (ILLs)	\$.50 per day	Maximum \$5.00 per item
Mifis, Chromebooks, Projectors, Reference materials	\$1.00 per day; \$5.00 reactivation fee for Mifi, Chromebook	Maximum \$10.00 per item

Using Library Card with Charges

- Adult accounts with over \$15 in lost item charges, cannot check out materials or register for events until items are returned or charges are below \$15.00.
- Patrons under the age of 18 with over \$15 in lost item charges may continue to check out books and audiobooks only with account fees up to \$50.
- Patrons in high school or below may Read Away fees associated with lost or damaged materials (except for video games, Launchpads, or ILLs) and late fines for ILLs.
 - Patrons may read, or have an adult read to them, and deduct \$2.00 for every 15 minutes of reading.

Fees – Lost or Stolen Library Card

- Patrons are not charged for lost or stolen library cards. If a patron reports that their library card has been lost or stolen, a new card can be issued for free. The new library card's barcode will replace the lost/ stolen barcode.

Fees – Lost or Damaged Materials

- If an item is lost or damaged, the cost of the item will be charged to the patron's account. Items that have not been returned or renewed for 21 days after the final due date of the item will automatically be considered lost and charged to a patron's account.
 - Accounts with fees equaling \$50 or more are sent to a collection agency, excluding juvenile accounts.
- The Cape May County Library does not accept replacement copies for lost or damaged items. We try to find the best price for a replacement copy and patrons are responsible for that payment plus a \$3.00 nonrefundable processing fee.
- Payment for lost materials will be refunded up to 12 months from the date the item was sent to lost if materials are later returned in good condition.
- The Cape May County Library will charge replacement costs for damaged parts of materials.
 - DVD, Video Games, CD cases, Lanyard, Map: \$1.00
 - Cassette Velcro Bags: \$3.00
 - Audio Book Holders: \$2.50
 - Playaway Box: \$5.00
 - Playaway Charger: \$15.00
- The Cape May County Library offers a variety of “non-traditional” library materials for patrons to check out. These materials have specific fees associated with them if they are lost or damaged. Below is a list of items and their associated fees.
 - LaunchPads
 - Charger Cord: \$6.99
 - Charger Box: \$9.99
 - Orange Case: \$12.99
 - Bumper: \$8.99
 - MiFi
 - Entire Mifi & all items with it: \$80
 - Mifi Unit only: \$50
 - 120V to USB wall plug: \$6
 - USB to Micro USB cable: \$5.50
 - Case: \$5.00
 - Chromebook
 - Chromebook, case, & adapter: \$325
 - Chromebook only: \$225
 - Case: \$50
 - Adapter: \$50
 - Projector
 - Entire unit & all items: \$300
 - Replacement bulb: \$49
 - HDMI cable: \$6
 - Remote: \$25
 - Power cord: \$11

- Batteries: \$6
- Case: \$ 45

Fees - Other

- The Cape May County Library provides printing and photocopying services for patrons at \$0.20 per page.
- The Reference Department, located on the second floor of the Cape May Court House branch, offers select research services for patrons.
 - If a patron requests a database search that incurs an extra charge to the library outside of our normal subscription services, the patron will be asked to pay for the cost of the search.
 - A \$5.00 donation is kindly requested for lengthy or complicated obituary searches.
 - Requests for magazine articles outside of the library's current holdings cost either \$0.20 per page or the cost of the article to the library.
- The Technology Learning Center, located on the second floor of the Cape May Court House branch, offers select services to the public using a variety of tech equipment. Some of these services have associated fees, listed below.
 - 3D Printer
 - \$1 base fee; additional 5 cents per gram. (Most prints are under \$5.)
 - Button Maker
 - 25 cents per button
 - Lamination
 - 25 cents per sheet
 - Poster Printer
 - Color: \$2.00 per square foot
 - Black & White: \$1.50 per square foot