

IV. Library Privileges

IV-A: Patron Privileges

The Mahomet Public Library District library card may be used to check out any materials in the library, except reference and local history items.

Use of Other Libraries by Mahomet Card Holders

- **Reciprocal Borrowing Privileges.** Mahomet patrons may borrow materials in person from other public libraries in the library system, depending on the policies of those libraries.
- **Interlibrary Loans.** Mahomet patrons may borrow items from throughout the state and country and have the items delivered to and returned by the Mahomet Library.

Use of the Mahomet Library by Cardholders from Other Public Libraries

Patrons with cards in good standing from other Illinois Heartland Library System libraries may borrow materials from the Mahomet Public Library. These patrons may need to first register with the Mahomet Library.

To be registered at the Mahomet Library, a patron must present a current (not expired) library card from their home library, a photo id, and proof of current address. After verifying that the patron is in good standing at their home library, Mahomet staff will register the patron by issuing a generic bar code (a “1000 number”) for their home library card. The code will expire the day the home library card expires or one year from the date of bar coding, whichever is soonest.

IV-B: Loss of Privileges

The Library Director may deny use of the library’s facility and materials to persons who:

- Exceed the library’s limits for fines, fees, or overdue items. (Current limits are posted on the library’s website and are available at the circulation desk.) When a patron’s own card has exceeded these limits, the patron may not use someone else’s card.
- Repeatedly fail to abide by library policies, including policies on user conduct and use of electronic equipment.
- Intentionally damage or deface library property. In cases of vandalism, the library may take legal action.
- Owe fines, bills or materials to other libraries. The library respects the circulation policies of other libraries. A patron who owes fines, fees, or materials to another library in excess of that library’s limits will not be allowed to check out materials from the Mahomet Library until the issue is resolved.

The Director may revoke privileges for the amount of time he/she deems reasonable. If a period longer than six months is deemed necessary, the Board of Trustees must approve the suspension.

IV-C: Reinstatement of Privileges

Any Mahomet Library patron who has had library privileges denied may confer with the Director concerning the problem, write a statement of remediation to the Board of Trustees and/or Director, or appeal to the Board of Trustees in writing to request that library privileges be reinstated. All fines, fees and bills must be paid before borrowing privileges will be reinstated.
