

Circulation Policy

Note: Since the library locations are currently Bear Card access only, an individual who is not a current Mercer student, faculty, or staff, should contact the libraries to schedule an appointment. If he/she is a Mercer University alumnus, he/she may apply for alumni borrowing privileges.

Mercer University Libraries have a number of service locations, but a single set of loan rules.

Computer Use in Libraries

Only borrowers with an MUID (Mercer University ID) and Active Directory credentials have access to computers. Other borrowers may not have access to computers but can get assistance at the circulation desk.

Borrowing Materials

Currently enrolled students and currently employed faculty and staff may borrow materials from the Mercer University Libraries by presenting their Mercer ID (Bear Card). The Mercer ID may also be used to access any of our 24-hour study rooms.

Note: Reference materials, print journals, microfilm/microfiche, Special Collections, and some government documents are restricted to library use only.

The loan periods for different types of materials are as follows:

Material Type	Students	Employees
Books & Sound Recordings	90 days 1 renewal	120 days 2 renewals
Video	7 days (no renewals) 10 video limit	7 days (no renewals) 10 video limit
Maximum number of items allowed	100 items	unlimited items

Equipment

In addition to the traditional items above, the libraries also have limited equipment available for students and employees to borrow. Check with the library to see availability. Fines and replacement fees vary for equipment loans.

Hold and Recalls

Hold

If an item a borrower wants is checked out and he/she wishes to be notified of its return, he/she can place a hold on the item through the online catalog:

1. After the item is found, click the "request" button located in the blue bar near the top of the page.
2. Complete the form to include his/her name, MUID, pick-up location, and your contact

information. If there are any questions, the borrower should ask at a service point.

Recalls

Recalling an Item (Mercer Faculty & Staff Only)

If an item a borrower urgently needs is checked out and he/she would like to have it as soon as possible, he/she may request that the item be recalled. When an item is recalled, the person in possession of the item receives a request to return it. Only Mercer faculty and staff may place recalls on library material.

Having Your Item Recalled

If a person recalls an item a borrower has checked out, he/she will receive a new due date and a fine of \$2.50 per day will be charged beyond that due date.

Items needed by faculty for a class or reserve will be recalled with **an immediate due date**.

Recall dates are determined by a patron's registration status and the type of item being recalled. Additionally, each patron type and each material type have different guaranteed loan periods as follows:

Material Type	Students	Employees
Books & Sound Recordings	28 day guaranteed loan period	28 day guaranteed loan period
Video	7 day guaranteed loan period	7 day guaranteed loan period

Fines and Lost Item Charges

- Library privileges will be suspended for students owing \$25.00 or more. Employees owing \$500 or more will likewise have their library privileges suspended.
- Library holds will be placed on the student information record of any student owing \$25.00 or more. Fines may be paid via Bear Card at the circulation desk or [online](#).
- Overdue books, CD-ROMs, and sound recordings accrue no late fines, as long as original items are returned, or if they have been recalled (see "Recalls" above). However, once an item has been reported "lost" in the system, the item record is removed, and a new copy automatically purchased by the Libraries.
- When lost items are billed, there is a non-refundable fee of \$65 per item and a \$10 service charge. If the item replacement costs exceed \$65.00, the actual cost will be charged instead.
- After a replacement item is purchased, no refunds will be given, even if the original item is later returned.
- For any questions about a charge or this policy, please contact Library Administration. Tarver Library patrons may contact Bonnie Parker, Director. Swilley Library patrons may contact Kim Eccles, Director.

Type of Item	Fine
Books, CD-ROMs, and Sound Recordings	No accrued charges unless item is recalled (see "Recalls" above)
DVD/VHS	\$1.00 per day per item
3-hour Reserves/Library Use Only	\$1.00 per hour per item
Overnight Reserves	\$1.00 per hour per item
1-day Reserves	\$1.00 per day per item
3-day Reserves	\$1.00 per day per item
1-week Reserves	\$1.00 per day per item
Equipment	\$5.00 per hour per-hourly item \$25.00 per day per daily item

Lost or Damaged Items

Type of Item	Replacement Fees
Keys	\$7.00 fine for a lost study room key
Lost Books, DVD/VHS, Equipment*	\$65.00 + \$10.00 processing fee
Recalls	\$2.50 per day

* if replacement cost exceeds \$65.00, the actual cost will be charged instead.