The Redwood City Public Library inspires learning through innovative and visionary programming and services—literacy programs, support for school success, access to technology, safe, inviting spaces for youth and families, and gathering places that connect members of the community with a love of reading and learning.

Libraries are “indoor parks” with many learning, recreational, and cultural activities for all ages, incomes, and cultures, and a primary way of building community by promoting community participation and volunteerism.

Core Services

- Welcoming, safe, and accessible public spaces, with a high number of open hours, a customer-centered staff, a large number of books and other materials, and many weekly programs.

- Access to computers, both wireless and on 160 public computers.

- Services to families and youth, helping new readers and families prepare for school, and helping those in school to succeed.

- The five Project READ literacy programs, meeting the diverse literacy needs of our community.
**Your Library**

**Explore**
- Four branch libraries
- An ever-expanding collection of books, DVDs, music and more for adults, teens, and children
- Our online catalog
- 24/7 online services: eBooks, eMagazines, audiobooks and music; research resources
- Access to many California library collections

**Learn**
- 160 computers and free wi-fi
- Homework help and individual tutoring for all ages in the Library and online
- Storytimes for babies, preschoolers and families
- Online language learning

**Discover**
- The Family Place for youth and parents
- The Teen Center, a safe space for teens
- The diversity of monthly events and activities
- Discover & GO! Free museum passes and more
- The Interpretive Center at Redwood Shores Branch Library

**Connect**
- Volunteer
- Donate
- Use our meeting rooms
- Programs and events
- Teach or tutor

**A free Library card** is available to anyone with proof of California residence. Children aged fourteen and under require a parent’s signature on the application.

At the Redwood City Public Library, you have a generous **checkout limit** of up to 50 items! Most can be renewed online, by phone (650.638.0399) up to five times, or in person, if there are no "holds" on the materials.

When you’re ready to **return your items**, you can do so at any public library or community college library in San Mateo County.

Accidents can sometimes happen, so you should know that if you **lose materials** you’ll need to pay the replacement cost.

You can **reserve an item** online or at the Library for no cost. Manage your Library account online, check account status, see due dates, renew items, sign up for email and text notifications, pay fines, and more at redwoodcity.org/library

As a friendly reminder we’ll send **courtesy email notifications** two days before your item is due. Once overdue, we can notify you by email, telephone, or mail. Don’t let overdue items sit too long – after 30 days, we’ll have to send you a bill. Unresolved accounts of $40 or more may be referred to a collection agency and an additional fee of $10 will be assessed.

Books and non-DVD items have a **loan period** of three weeks; DVDs have a loan period of one week. Overdue items on adult accounts are assessed a 25c per day fee for adult material and 15c per day fee for juvenile material. Children’s and teen accounts do not accrue late fees.

**Your Community**

**Volunteer**
- Teach someone to read
- Read weekly at a daycare or preschool
- Be a teen mentor to a young child
- Do community service hours in the Teen Center
- Join the Library Foundation
- Work in the Friends of the Library bookstore
- Deliver Library materials to the homebound
- Work on special projects

**Donate**
- Contributions to the Redwood City Library Foundation support Library projects and services. **Make your donation at rcfdn.org**
- Project READ accepts community donations to provide much needed instructional materials, learning evaluations, eye exams, eye glasses, hearing aids and expanded services to over 500 academically at-risk children and 500 adults. **Visit ProjectReadRedwoodCity.org**
- Friends of the Redwood City Public Library funds Library programs and events through contributions and bookstore sales. Be a Friend and donate at friendsofrwclibrary.org

**Stay Connected**
- Join us on Facebook and Twitter to find out the latest Library news, events, and information. **Sign up for the Library eNewsletter at redwoodcity.org/library**

**Comment and Suggest**
- We welcome your comments, questions, ideas, and opinions in order to serve you better. **Comment online at redwoodcity.org/library**

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**Your Card**