

SUBJECT: REQUESTS (HOLDS)

EFFECTIVE: March 8, 2018

SUPERSEDES: 3/2017

1. PURPOSE

- A. The library provides a Requests (Holds) service to facilitate customer access to materials that are currently checked out, at another branch, or on order.

2. POLICY:

- A. Requesting library materials is a free service provided to all registered HCPLC borrowers with active accounts.
- B. A maximum of 35 Requests (Holds) at one time is allowed.
- C. Requests (Holds) may be placed on most circulating items. They may not be placed on reference material, Bookmobile and Cybermobile items, select realia items, periodicals, or board books.
- D. Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative (HCPLC) member libraries in Plant City and Temple Terrace reserve the right to exempt certain materials from system-wide Requests (Holds) placement.
- E. Notifications are sent to customers by telephone, text, or e-mail when requested items are available for pickup.
- F. Requests (Holds) expire one year after they are placed. The expiration date may be modified. Requests (Holds) may be suspended any length of time as determined by the customer.

3. PROCEDURE

- A. Request Manager and Reports
 - 1) The Pending Holds List is printed, searched, and reconciled daily at each library location to facilitate the filling of customer requests (Holds).
 - 2) The Unclaimed Holds List is also run daily at each library location so that customer requests (Holds) not picked up by the requestor can be pulled and made available for circulation by others.
- B. Pickup of Held Requests (Holds)
 - 1) The pick-up due date is determined when the item is checked in at the

pick-up location. The pickup period is **five** days, including weekends, but excluding any days that libraries are closed.

- 2) Requests (Holds) can be transferred to and picked up at any THPL library, Cooperative member libraries in Plant City and Temple Terrace, and at the Sun City Center Library.

C. Checkout

- 1) A Held Request (Hold) is filled only when it is checked out at the proper pickup location.
- 2) Anyone picking up a hold for someone other than the requestor shall be required to present the library card of the customer for which the item is being held in accordance with [LS 102 Customer Record Privacy](#) and [Florida Statutes, Chapter 257.261](#).

D. Requests (Holds) for Bookmobile, Cybermobile, and Books by Mail Customers

- 1) Books by Mail holds are sent to the John F. Germany Library for processing.
- 2) A member of the Germany staff checks out the requested items to the customer then forwards to the Technical Services Center for mailing to the customer's home.
- 3) Bookmobile and Cybermobile holds are sent to the 78th Street Community Library for processing.
- 4) Mobile Services staff loads the requested items on the buses on the scheduled day of the customers' stop for pick-up by the customer, extending the hold period as needed.
- 5) Customers may return these items to any Branch, the Bookmobile, the Cybermobile, or by mail.

4. AUTHORITY:

Pursuant to Section 5(1) of [Chapter 84-443](#), Laws of Florida, the Library Board has the duty and the responsibility, among others, to serve in a recommending capacity to the Director of Library Services and to the County Administrator in respect to all matters pertaining to the public library.

Approved

Andrew Breidenbaugh, Director