



Village of Takoma Park Lending Library

Frequently Asked Questions



How can I see what books are available?

Go to librarycat.org/lib/VillageofTP

You can search by title, author, subject, etc., but since the collection is small, we suggest browsing.

To browse, enter an asterisk in the search box and hit "enter." Look for the list of genres on the upper right and click on one to view titles in a particular genre.

What if I don't have access to the Internet?

If you don't have a friend or family member able to search the catalog for you and place a request on your behalf, feel free to call the Village at 301-646-2109 and we'll do our best to help you select a book.

Who can borrow books?

Any member of the Village of Takoma Park living in the city of Takoma Park can borrow.

Not a member? Go to villageoftakomapark.com to join.

How can I request a book?

Click on the "Request this book" button in the catalog record for the book.

How can I get a book that I request?

When you click on the "request this book" button, you'll see a pop-up form asking for your contact information and if you want to pick up the book or have it delivered. Delivery is available for members age 55 and over who live within the City of Takoma Park.

If I choose to pick up a book myself, where will I pick it up?

All of the books are in one of two locations. We'll provide the exact address when we notify you the book is ready for pickup. Books with the call number "Cedar" or "Cedar-G" are on Cedar Ave. not far from the Metro. Books with the call number "Willow" are on Valley View Ave. not far from Willow Ave.

How soon will I be notified after I request a book?

We'll do our best to email or phone you within 3 days.

How long can I keep a book?

Loan period is 3 weeks, with the option to renew if no one else has requested the book.

How many books can I borrow at one time?

Two per borrower, although that may change depending on demand.

How are the books handled by the Village volunteers?

The volunteers who are housing the books will wash hands thoroughly before taking a book off the shelf, put it into a paper bag, and add a label. Once a book is returned it will be in "quarantine" for 3 days before being lent to another member.

Are you accepting donations?

Thanks to those who have offered, but for now we have no more space for donations. We may be adding more titles from existing collections, though.

More questions?

Contact the Village at villageoftp@gmail.com or 301-646-2109.