What services are available for external borrowers?

Holland College is pleased to offer circulation services (excluding interlibrary loan) to members of the Island community who are not enrolled students or staff.

In order to borrow from our collections, you will need to register at one of our libraries and present some valid identification. Once registered, you will receive a borrower card with a 14-digit barcode number. You can use this barcode number to make requests and renew items in our online catalogue.

You may borrow up to six items at a time from us, and you may renew your loans up to five times, provided there are no pending requests for the items. If a student or staff member requests materials signed out to you, however, we reserve the right to recall those items before their due date.

Holland College Libraries do not charge late fees for overdue items, but you will be charged for replacement of any materials that are lost or damaged. Staff may also decline to lend materials to users who are perpetually in debts or do not respect the terms of loan.

The library sends out overdue and hold pickup notices by email. Please include an email address when you register in order to receive library notices. You may have to configure your email account to prevent library notices from going to the Spam or Junk folder.

Internet access and online databases:
Members of the Island community are welcome to use the library public computers for Internet access as well as for searching our subscription research databases. Please check with library staff about logging you in to one of the computers in the library. Due to our license agreements, only currently enrolled Holland College students and staff can access the subscription databases from off-campus or at home.