



County of San Luis Obispo Public Libraries Board Game Collection Use Policy

In keeping with our Mission: Connecting the community to knowledge, culture and creativity through exceptional service, County of SLO Public Libraries strives to offer innovative services such as the materials found in the Board Game Collection. The Board Game Collection will provide patrons with useful tools that will cultivate creativity, exercise critical thinking skills including problem-solving, logic, reason, memory, planning, and attention in competitive and cooperative situations, and to create connections with family and friends.

This policy establishes how and under what circumstances the public may use the Board Game Collection.

Board Game Collection Policy

- One must be a County of San Luis Obispo Library cardholder in good standing, to borrow board games.
- Board games must be returned in-person to any branch in the County of San Luis Obispo Library System. Return the games to a staff member. Do not return in the book drop.
- Board games will be stored at the San Luis Obispo Branch, to start, and will only be visible to patrons via the library catalog. Patrons will have to place a hold on a game to access and check out a game.
- Board games can be borrowed for 21 days. Board games can be renewed twice as long as there are no holds. Two (2) unique board games can be checked out to a patron at one time. Patrons may have holds on two (2) board games at a time.
- The borrower agrees that if any borrowed game is unplayable (i.e.: pieces are missing or game board is damaged or unplayable), the borrower will immediately return it to the Library, reporting any issues/concerns about the condition of the game.
- If pieces are missing that make the game unplayable when checked out, the borrower is responsible for alerting staff in a timely manner so that the borrower will not be charged replacement costs for the whole game.
- If the borrower loses pieces that make a game unplayable or does not return the game, the borrower may be fined to cover replacement costs for the whole game. Returning the game in playable condition, if overdue, will waive replacement costs.
- When board games are not returned by the designated due date, the County of San Luis Obispo Public Library will issue an overdue notice. If the board games are not returned by the date identified in the notice, the borrower will be charged replacement costs for each item not returned. Failure to pay the replacement costs will result in appropriate action to recover the cost of each unreturned game, including utilizing a collection agency.
- If the item is returned damaged, a damage fee or replacement fee, depending on the severity of the damage, will be charged.
- The library reserves the right to refuse service to patrons who abuse the board games or who are repeatedly late in returning them.
- All board games are to be returned in the same condition as when borrowed, barring normal wear and tear. All board games must be returned clean.