

We've got good news!

The Talbot County Free Library (TCFL) has a new, more user-friendly shore-wide catalog coming in August. Which means you will have quick access not just to our library's collection, but to all the books, movies, music CDs, audio books, etc. held in the collections of eight different county libraries across the Eastern Shore. In a sense, the eight county libraries are merging their collections to become one giant shore-wide library just for you! In order to make this change possible, though, some of our services must be temporarily interrupted. While we won't be able to do everything, we will still be providing limited service during this time.

Information you need to know:

What Library services will be disrupted by this transition?

- Both library branches will be closed August 17 for staff training and the physical changeover to the new system.
- Starting August 1: you will not be able to place holds or request materials from other libraries through the Marina Interlibrary loan system. Your ability to place holds will resume on or about August 17. You will be able to place interlibrary loan requests again starting August 23.
- Starting August 9: You will not be able to access your account online to renew books or look at due dates. Account access will resume on or about August 17.
- During the week of August 10—17, you will only be able to check-out materials. **It is essential that you bring in your library card during this time to check out.** The library will not be able to check-in, place holds, check your record, or create new cards during this week.
- The good news is that you will still be able to check out materials, attend programs, visit our website, use our electronic resources, and use Wi-Fi and the computers during the week of August 10-16.**

The library will reopen on August 18. Please come checkout our new shore-wide catalog on that day!

How will the change affect me?

- To save your reading history and any reading list that you have created if you have this feature enabled, you must log into your catalog account and print your history or list under your account by August 9. After that date, all reading histories and lists will be deleted due to the transition. Library staff can assist you with this.

•No library materials will be due between August 10 and August 20. Please do not return materials during this time. Your cooperation on this point will help us to effect the transition that much faster. You will not accumulate fines during these dates.

•In the new system, your default PIN will be the last four digits of your primary phone number.

•If your library card originated in another county and begins with a barcode prefix other than 23536, you may come in before August 10 to get a replacement library card. You may also choose to wait until after the 18th to get a replacement library card, but you will not be able to check out materials with that card during the week of August 10-17.

What are the benefits of the new shore-wide catalog?

•You will be able to access and order library materials from 8 counties on the Eastern Shore without needing to go through the inter-library loan system, Marina.

•Easier access to over 2.1 million items.

•Faster delivery of reserved materials.

•Cost savings for the Talbot County Free Library and our community.

•A mobile device-friendly experience.

We appreciate your patience during this time. Still have questions? Please call us at 410-822-1626.