

Brownsville Public Library iPad Factor

What is the iPad Factor?

The iPad Factor is a program where patrons may borrow iPads from the library and use them within the Main Branch Library. The iPad factor has been made available by a grant from the Best Buy Foundation, Friends of the Library and the Brownsville Public Library System.

Who can borrow?

Library patrons that have no fees or fines.

For how long?

The loan period is three hours or until fifteen minutes before closing, whichever is first. Renewals and overnight loans are prohibited.

What am I borrowing?

An iPad2

How do I know if one is available?

Go to the Public Computing Center at the Main Branch Library and ask if one is available.

How can I check one out?

1. A patron must present your valid photo identification and a valid Brownsville Public Library Card to the staff at the Public Computing Center located within the Main Branch Library.
2. The patron must review and sign the Electronic Device Borrowing Agreement and when it's a child patron the Parent/Legal Guardian must review and sign the Electronic Device Borrowing Agreement form on behalf of the child(ren).
3. All library accounts must be in good standing.
4. Please note that iPads are available on a "first-come, first-serve basis".
5. iPads may not be placed on hold or renewed.

What about checking it back in?

1. Return the iPad and its charger to the staff at the Public Computing Center at the end of the loan period. An overdue fine of \$5.00 per hour will be charged regardless if the electronic equipment is late by a full or partial hour.
2. Borrowers are solely responsible for a lost, damaged, or overdue iPad and its equipment.
3. Patrons are to remain present while library staff checks equipment for damages. When the iPad and its charger are verified to be returned on time and in good condition, the item will be checked in.
4. If any damages are present, the damages will be assessed by library administration, and the patron will be notified of damage or replacement cost. Damages to an iPad may reach a maximum of \$700.00 depending on the damage.

What is on the iPad?

1. The iPads are equipped with Wi-Fi which can be used to access the Internet through the library wireless network.
2. The iPads are pre-loaded with a suite of applications, but users may sync additional data and applications, with the understanding that all data will be wiped and replaced with the standard preloaded applications when the iPad is returned to the Reference Desk.

What are the rules?

1. The Electronic Device Borrowing Agreement form must be read and signed at the Public Computing Center by the borrower and/or parent/legal guardian, indicating agreement with current policies and restrictions.
2. iPads may be borrowed for use by library patrons that have a valid Brownsville Public Library Card with no fines or overdues.
3. iPads **may not be removed** from the Main Branch Library.
4. Parent/Legal guardian is solely responsible for lost, damaged or stolen iPad and its equipment.
5. Overnight loans and use outside the library are not permitted.
6. Removing the iPad from the Main Branch Library or failure to return an iPad to the Public Computing Center 15 minutes prior to the library building closing will result in the library declaring the item stolen. The library will proceed to notify the Brownsville Police Department and post the full replacement cost (\$700.00) in addition to the maximum overdue fine to the patron's and/or Parent/Legal Guardian's account.
7. An Electronic Device Borrowing Agreement form must be completed at the Public Computing Center during the first "check-out" for each loan- indicating agreement with current policies and restrictions. Loans will not be completed without signing the agreement. iPads are loaned from the Public Computing Center and must be returned there directly to a staff member. Violation of the terms of the Electronic Device Borrowing Agreement form may result in loss of lending privileges.
8. Users are required to report any problems experienced with the iPad during their borrowing period.
9. The replacement cost of the iPad is \$700.00 and any accrued late fees.
10. The Brownsville Public Library is not responsible for any loss of data or personal information as a result of borrowing an iPad.