COOKIE NOTICE

This Cookie Notice explains how the Washington-Centerville Public Library and our third-party providers use cookies and similar tracking technologies when you use our website. This Notice provides information about these technologies and your choices.

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WHAT ARE COOKIES?

A cookie is a simple text file saved to a computer or mobile device by a website's server. Only the server that sets the cookie has access to retrieve or read the contents of the cookie. The cookie will contain some anonymous information including a unique identifier and the site name. It may also contain information like your preferences for browsing a site.

PERSISTENT VS SESSION COOKIES

- Persistent cookie: also called a permanent *cookie*, or a stored *cookie.* This type of cookie is set with an expiration date and stored on a user s hard drive until it expires or until the user deletes the cookie.
- Session cookie: also called a transient *cookie.* A *cookie* that is erased when the user closes the Web browser. It is stored in temporary memory and is not retained after the browser is closed. Typically used for storing login information.

FIRST PARTY COOKIES VS. THIRD PARTY COOKIES

- First Party Cookies are cookies created by the website you are visiting and can only be read by that site.
- Third Party Cookies are cookies created by a website other than the one you are visiting. For example, the Library uses a third-party analytics company (Google) that sets their own cookie to perform this service. The Library's website also contains content embedded from our third-party vendors and these sites may set their own cookies (e.g., LibraryAware, eVanced, Encore, Classic Catalog).

STRICTLY NECESSARY COOKIES

- A cookie that is essential for the website to function. This includes functions to login, filling in a form, or setting privacy preferences. Eg: Security Cookies and User Input Cookies.
- May not be able to disable this type of cookie without breaking the site.

TYPES OF COOKIES AND HOW THEY ARE USED

- Advertising Cookie: The Library and our third-party providers do not use this type of cookie.
- Analytics Tracking: Used to collect data regarding your usage of the site and how we might improve site performance.
- Authentication Cookies: Used to ensure a user is still logged in.
- Security Cookies: Used to track multiple login failures when using the catalog.
- User Input Cookie: Used to track checkouts and holds when using the catalog.

- Social Media Tracking and Plugins: JavaScript code or similar technologies used to pull information from social media platforms and third party providers. This allows us to incorporate their content into our website.
- User Preference Cookie: Used to store preferences.

HOW TO DISABLE COOKIES

You may be able to disable and manage some Cookies in your browser settings. If the browser you use is not listed below, check your browser's privacy settings.

- Google Chrome
- Apple Safari
- Mozilla Firefox
- Microsoft Internet Explorer

HOW TO DISABLE ANALYTICS

You may also disable analytics Cookies by opting out directly on their website.

Google Analytics: Privacy Policy | Analytics Opt-Out