

Dear CCSD student and parent/guardian,

Congratulations! Thanks to a partnership between the <u>Charleston County Public</u> <u>Library (CCPL)</u> and Charleston County School District (CCSD), all students have been automatically registered for a free public library account.

A public library account gives students the ability to <u>borrow books</u>, <u>movies</u>, <u>and other items</u> from <u>any library branch around Charleston County</u>. The account also gives students access to <u>digitally borrow</u> materials that are available for downloading or streaming online including eBooks, movies and music through the district's <u>Sora application</u> available in Clever. In addition, students can connect to <u>more than 100 subscription databases</u> for free. To place an item on hold, students simply log in to CCPL's library catalog.

The <u>Limitless Learning (L²) Program</u> was created to better connect students to free resources and services available to them. While students will not receive a physical library card, the CCSD student username will serve as the library card account number. A password was automatically assigned to each student for this account. It is the last four digits of the student ID number. These login credentials will provide students all the access of a regular library card holder, with some enhanced benefits.

As with our regular library accounts, L² (L Squared) accounts are also fine-free, which means students will not accrue late fees or fines for materials returned beyond the due date. While students will not be charged, we ask that they be mindful and considerate of others who are waiting to check out those items. CCPL is asking that students please return items by the due dates. Also, while late fees will not be charged, a lost item fee will apply if the item is not returned after 42 days after the due date. Unpaid lost item fees will not be referred to a collection agency as they are with the regular CCPL accounts. However, multiple lost items could result in the revoking or suspension of the library account.

The account is easier than ever to access digitally thanks to Sora. When the students are logged into the school library's digital collection, they can now simply toggle between the school district digital library and CCPL's to unlock even more age-appropriate books and audiobooks. To check out materials in person, students can enter their credentials into any self-check kiosk at a branch or provide their information to a staff member at check out.

How to Login to Your L<sup>2</sup> Account: <u>www.ccpl.org</u> and click on Classic Catalog or visit <a href="https://catalog.ccpl.org">https://catalog.ccpl.org</a>

Library User Name: CCSD Student User Name

Library User Password: The last four digits of your CCSD Student ID

Example: For John Doe, it's the first three letters of last name first three letters of

first name last four digits of ID number = doejoh1234.

Students' L² accounts (L Squared) accounts provide them automatic access to internet use on the library's public computers. Students who wish to access the internet on computers at CCPL branches must abide by the system's rules for internet use in the library. Internet use will be managed in a manner consistent with the library's Code of Conduct, which has been adopted by the Board of Trustees and is posted in the library and the CCPL website. All Library Internet Stations use web filtering technology. Failure to use the Internet stations appropriately and responsibly as defined in the Library's Computer, Printing, and Internet Use Policy will result in revocation of Internet privileges and/or library use privileges. Anyone who instructs or demonstrates to another person how to bypass web-filtering technology will have Internet Drivileges and/or library use privileges revoked. The Computer, Printing, and Internet Use Policy may be found on the library's website or by request at a library branch.

Parents may opt students out of internet use by submitting a form online at <a href="https://www.ccpl.org/internet-access-opt-out-form">https://www.ccpl.org/internet-access-opt-out-form</a> or may request a paper form at their local branch. Opting out would prohibit the student's access to using the public computers at a library branch. However, Wi-Fi access cannot be blocked and anyone may access the Wi-Fi using their own devices.

All library account information and updates will be sent via email from the library to the student's CCSD email account. These emails will include notifications when holds are ready for pickup, reminder of due dates and overdue materials and other account-related information.

Please review the <u>L Squared web page</u> to find out how long you may check out an item and other important details about borrowing items from the library.

Upon senior graduation or transferring out of CCSD, the student's account will expire. Graduating students can sign up for a new library card by visiting any local branch.

If you have questions about this program or the account, you may email <a href="mailto:Lsquared@ccpl.org">Lsquared@ccpl.org</a> or you may call any <a href="mailto:local library branch">local library branch</a> during operating hours. If you have general questions about the library, you may call 843-805-6930 or email <a href="mailto:linfo@ccpl.org">linfo@ccpl.org</a>. CCPL and CCSD welcome you to the next step in limitless learning!

- Your Charleston County Public Library team