American Girl Doll Lending Kits
FAQs-North Bellmore Public Library

North Bellmore Public Library is now lending American Girl doll kits to provide an engaging learning experience for children in our community. Children will have the opportunity to take home and play with these popular dolls. The kits provide an opportunity to learn about America and its history through the historical periods connected to the dolls.

We gratefully thank Friends Of the North Bellmore Public Library & Maspeth Federal Savings for their generous support and funding of this program.

North Bellmore Public Library
1551 Newbridge Road
North Bellmore, NY 11710
516-785-6260

DOLL CARE
How do I care for the doll?

Please do:
♦ Have fun playing with the doll.
♦ Gently brush and style your doll’s hair. Use only the hairbrush provided in the kit.
♦ Write/draw in the journal provided.
♦ Please handle the American Girl doll with care so others may enjoy her too!

Please do not:
♦ Cut or shampoo the doll’s hair. The hair can get frizzy and damaged.
♦ Paint the doll’s nails.
♦ Alter the doll’s appearance in any way.
♦ Wash or mend the doll or her clothes.

DONATIONS
Can I donate to the program?
Yes! Please contact the library for information at 516-785-6260.

What if I have an American Girl doll, clothing, and/or accessories I would like to donate?
We welcome donations of new or gently used American Girl dolls, clothing and accessories. Donations can be dropped off at the Children’s Reference desk.

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BORROWING

How do I borrow an American Girl Doll?
You must be an adult (18yrs or older) with a current North Bellmore Public Library card in good standing to borrow an American Girl Doll kit. You can place a doll on hold online using the Library of Things tab, call, or come in person to the library.

Can I borrow a doll if I have a library card from a different library?
Unfortunately, only North Bellmore Public Library card holders can check out the doll kits at this time.

Can I check out more than one doll?
No. Due to a limited number of doll kits, only one doll can be checked out per library card at one time. An exception will be made for siblings living in the same household.

Where do I pick up my doll kit?
The American Girl Doll kits are available for pick up at the Children’s Room Reference Desk.

What is the borrowing period?
You may borrow the doll kit for one week.

Can I renew the doll kit?
Unfortunately, not at this time. This will provide more opportunities for other children to enjoy the dolls.

Is there a late fee for doll kits returned after the due date?
Yes, there is a $5 late fee for each day past its due date.

Where do I return the doll kits?
Please return the doll kit to the Children’s Room Reference desk. A library staff member will ensure everything that was borrowed is returned. Please do not return the doll kit in the Book Drop.

What happens if one or more items are not returned with the doll kit?
If an item(s) is missing or damaged, this will be noted on the check-in form. You will be responsible for the cost of any pieces that need to be replaced.

What are the costs for replacement?
Replacement costs vary according to kit, please inquire at the Children’s Reference Desk for specific information.

DOLL KITS

What comes in an American Girl Doll kit?
Each kit includes:
- 1 Doll & Outfit
- The first book about the doll
- Some kits will have two books/outfits
- Doll Brush
- Doll accessories
- Journal
- A tag listing the contents
- A guide depicting life in Bellmore during the doll’s era
- Carrying case with luggage tag

Why is a journal included in the doll kit?
The journal is included to record the doll’s ongoing adventures and to help foster a literacy connection.

We hope that you will write a paragraph/draw a picture about the doll’s stay with you. Please use one page of the journal and date your entry. It will become a fantastic book about the doll’s adventures that can be shared with other users.