

HOW TO RENEW ITEMS ONLINE

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1. Go to the Elkader Public Library's online catalog and log into your account using your library card number and password.
 - ▶ You can find the online catalog on the library's website (www.elkader.lib.ia.us)
 - ▶ If you have not changed your password, the default is your primary phone number and includes the area code.

The screenshot displays the Elkader Public Library website. At the top left is the logo for Elkader Public Library, featuring a stylized building and the text "ELKADER PUBLIC LIBRARY". To the right of the logo is a blue button labeled "Catalog Search". Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for "About", "How Do I", "Upcoming Events", "Collections", "Online Resources", and "Contact Us". A red arrow points from the "Catalog Search" button to the "Online Resources" link. Below the navigation menu is a blue banner with the text "Back to elkader.lib.ia.us". On the right side of the banner is a login section titled "Log in to your account: To manage reserves, renewals, etc." with two input fields: "Card Number" and "Phone Number or Password". Below these fields are "LOGIN" and "SIGN UP" buttons. A red arrow points from the "Log in to your account" section to the "all items" dropdown menu. Below the banner is a large heading "Welcome to the Elkader Public Library Catalog!" and a dropdown menu showing "You are currently viewing all items".

2. Click **My Account** which will cause a drop-down menu appear, offering several options.

Find: Search All Fields

Logged in as 1001002

My Library Account

Welcome, Public Library Elkader! (not you? [Click here](#))

In 2025, you have saved \$1472.00 by borrowing from the library rather than buying!

Barcode: [Display your scannable barcode](#)

Secure password: [Set a secure password](#)

Primary Address: 130 N Main St
Elkader, IA 52043

Phone: 563-245-1446 (Home)

Phone:

Email: librarian@elkader.lib.ia.us

Email:



3. In this menu, select **Items Out/Renewals** under which you will see several options. From here you can **Renew All Items** or **Renew All Overdue Items** (if you have any) or **Renew** items individually by going down the list of items you have out.

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20 items currently out.

Title ↓	Author	Out	Due	
Cat nap: Puzzle		7/24/2025	9/26/2025	<input type="button" value="Renew"/>
Rosie's walk	Hutchins, Pat (1942-)	8/2/2025	9/26/2025	<input type="button" value="Renew"/>
Sheep in a jeep	Shaw, Nancy J	1/20/2025	9/26/2025	Not renewable.
Board Book: Where is the green sheep?	Fox, Mem	1/20/2025	9/26/2025	Not renewable.
Can I keep it?	Jobe, Lisa,	9/25/2025	10/17/2025	<input type="button" value="Renew"/>
Catch that chicken!	Atinuke.	8/2/2025	10/17/2025	<input type="button" value="Renew"/>

4. After you have done this, you will know you were successful if you see **Successfully renewed** next to the item.

► If the item has **Not renewable** next to it, it may be due to the item having a reserve on it *or* because it has been renewed too many times *or* because the item is an **interlibrary loan** which requires a Librarian request a renewal from the Loaning Library.

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[Renew All Items \(18 of 20 are renewable\)](#)

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Chickens to the rescue	Himmelman, John	8/2/2025	10-17-2025	Successfully renewed.
Digger Dog	Bee, William	8/25/2025	10-17-2025	Successfully renewed.

FAQ

Q: If I do this at home, when will it take effect?

A: It's immediate! Your renewal process is a part of our system so we would see the renewals simultaneously take effect as you do them.

Q: What if I renew the same item twice in the same day?

A: We, your friendly librarians, don't recommend that! The system isn't smart and it isn't going to work like you think it will. We know that you are thinking "Ahah! This way my due date will go from 10/1 to 11/12 (because +42 days or 2 three-week check out cycles)" when in reality the system will just add 3 weeks to the current date.

With Elkader Public Library items, we always recommend renewing as close to the due date as possible as it will get you the maximum extra checkout period possible.

With Interlibrary Loans, let us know as soon as possible when you would like to renew because other libraries take time to get back to us (other libraries are often like us with small staffs and limited hours) so more time is better and libraries are usually quite generous with their renewal periods.