

NEWS RELEASE

City of Santa Barbara
Library

Contact: Roger Hiles,
Library Services
Manager

Phone: 805-564-5606

Fax: 805-564-5660

RHiles@SantaBarbaraCA.gov

FOR RELEASE ON:
6/22/2011

Library fee for holds rises to \$1 beginning July 7, 2011

Cut in State Funding for Libraries Impacts Local Service

SANTA BARBARA, CA (6/22/2011) – The Santa Barbara City Council has approved an increase in the fee for hold requests of library materials. The new fee will be \$1 per item, beginning July 7, 2011, an increase of 50 cents. The charge will apply to items which are placed on hold either to be transferred from another library, or to be held for a patron when the item becomes available. This increase was recommended as a result of a cut in State of California funding that for many years supported the delivery of materials between libraries in the Black Gold Cooperative Library System.

Hold requests may be placed online at sbplibrary.org or in person in any library branch. Books, DVDs and other items that may be checked out can be transferred from any branch in the Black Gold Cooperative Library System, which includes the Santa Barbara Public Library System, the Santa Maria, Lompoc, San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles and Santa Paula libraries, to any other branch for pick-up. Titles in high demand may have a waiting list of patrons with holds for the next available copy.

For complete information about Santa Barbara Public Library System
please visit sbplibrary.org.

###