Borrowing/Lending

How does the Prospector hold limit work?

The Hold Limit counts all the virtual records attached to a given patron account, regardless of the status of those virtual records.

**Example:** I had 3 Prospector items checked out and 4 still attached to my account with a status of “Prospect Retd”, for a total of 7 virtual records already attached to my account. I was able to request 33 additional Prospector items, and on #34 was denied by Prospector because I had too many requests. This was when the Prospector limit was 40 items.

The Prospector limit of 40 does not count your local holds, but if you have a local hold limit it will count Prospector requests when they’re still in a “Requested” status. For instance, with my hold limit set at 100 I would be blocked from Prospector requesting if I already had 100 local holds; I would also be blocked if I had 95 local holds and 5 Prospector requests. Currently (August 2012), patrons are limited to 70 Prospector items.

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