

Postman Library API v2 docs

Manage books in the Postman library using this API. This API is designed to teach the basics of using APIs and Postman!

Note that all non-permanent collection books are automatically deleted on a three-day rolling basis

Permanent collection books

Some books are part of the **permanent collection** and cannot be edited or deleted. These books have the property `isPermanentCollection: true`

Authorizing requests

This API requires Authorization to make POST, PATCH, and DELETE requests.

You will need to set the API key in the collection variables to `postmanr1ulz` in order to make those requests.

In the real world you would generate an API Key with an API's developer portal service. This is just a training API so we have provided an API key for you!

Learn more about authorizing API requests in Postman [here](#).

This is a public API!

Any book you add or update will be publicly visible to all users of this API. Please be respectful and follow these rules:

- Only modify books you have added yourself
- Understand that books in this API may be deleted at any time

What's different from the old **Postman Library API**?

The old Library API was used in the **Postman Classroom Program** modules. We made some improvements for v2:

- **API Key Auth for POST/PATCH/DELETE requests.** Practice authorization!
- **POST/PATCH requests now return book info such as `id`.** This enables possibilities with scripting based on the response.
- **Dedicated public workspace and docs.** You can view this API's schema from the "API" tab in the public workspace. Easily find and fork this API or docs by searching "Postman Library API v2"
- **Automatic cleanup.** Non-permanent collection books are automatically deleted on a rolling three-day basis.
- **Profanity filters.** Cleans up book titles and author names

books	
{id}	
GET Get a book by id	
https://library-api.postmanlabs.com/books/:id	
HEADERS	
Accept	application/json
PATH VARIABLES	
id	29cd820f-82f9-4b45-a7f4-0924111b5b89 (Required) the id of a book

PATCH

Update a book by id

https://library-api.postmanlabs.com/books/:id

AUTHORIZATION

API Key

Key

api-key

Value

HEADERS

Content-Type

application/json

Accept

application/json

PATH VARIABLES

id

29cd820f-82f9-4b45-a7f4-0924111b5b89

(Required) the id of a book

Body

raw (json)

json

```
{  "checkedOut": true}
```

DELETE

Delete a book by id

https://library-api.postmanlabs.com/books/:id

AUTHORIZATION

API Key

Key

api-key

Value

HEADERS

Accept

application/json

PATH VARIABLES

id

29f47d22-1062-479d-be58-2d8db3ecb8be

(Required) the id of a book

GET

Get books

https://library-api.postmanlabs.com/books

Get all books, or add query parameters to filter results by

genre

,

search

keyword, and/or

checkedOut

status

HEADERS

Accept

application/json

PARAMS

genre	fiction
	a genre to filter for
checkedOut	false
	a value true or false
search	borges
	a search term to match against author or title

POST Add a book



https://library-api.postmanlabs.com/books

Note: User-added books are automatically deleted about 3 days after being added.

AUTHORIZATION API Key

Key	api-key
Value	

HEADERS

Content-Type	application/json
Accept	application/json

Body raw (json)

```
json

{
  "title": "The Four Agreements",
  "author": "don Miguel Ruiz",
  "genre": "self-help",
  "yearPublished": 1997
}
```