

BORROWER'S CARDS

I. Residents

Those who reside within the legal boundaries of the Town and Country Public Library District are entitled to all the borrowing privileges of the Library, subject to any rules and regulations established and approved by the Library Board of Trustees.

A resident of the District is defined as anyone who resides within the legal boundaries of the District. A map of the Library's legal service area is available at the Circulation Desk. Residency can also be verified on the Kane County Treasurer's website: www.co.kane.il.us/treasurer/. Click on "view real estate taxes". No distinction is made between property owners and renters when determining residency status.

A resident may apply for a borrower's card upon reaching the age of 5 (five) years. One application is to be filled out for each individual applying for a card. The signature of a parent, guardian, or other legally responsible person is required for all persons under the age of 18 years.

A borrower's card may be used only by the person to whom it is issued. Lost or stolen cards must be reported to the Circulation Department as soon as possible. A fee is charged for replacement of a card.

The borrower's card must be presented in order to borrow library materials.

The Library staff reserves the right to suspend or revoke borrowing privileges when a patron is in violation of Library rules or regulations.

II. Non-Residents

The Town and Country Public Library District adheres to the regulations regarding non-resident borrowers cards, as specified in the Illinois Administrative Code (23 IL ADC 3050), effective July 1, 2002.

Those who do not reside within a library's taxing area and who wish to obtain borrowing privileges must purchase a card from the participating public library in the school district in which the non-resident has his or her principal residence. "Participating public library" means a public library whose Board of Trustees authorizes the issuance of non-resident library cards. The Town and Country Public Library is a participating library.

We use the tax bill method to determine non-resident fees. The fee is charged annually and the card is valid for one year.

Tax bill Methods:

1. Non-resident taxpayer: the net valuation of the property is multiplied by the library's current tax rate, including all special levies.
2. Non-resident renter: renters will be charged 15% of their monthly rent as their annual non-resident fee.

All cards sold will have reciprocal borrowing privileges at other participating libraries, subject to each library's rules and regulations regarding reciprocal borrowing.

"Local use only" cards are not issued.

Non-resident cardholders have the same privileges and are subject to the same rules and regulations as resident cardholders of the Town and Country Public Library District.