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NON-RESIDENT LIBRARY CARD INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

There is a charge for this non-resident card

The first thing to be done is to determine if the person lives in a location not being served by ANY LIBRARY.

After that has been established, the non-resident is required to purchase their library card at the library that serves the high school or unit school district in which they reside.

In our case, the residents of Bookwalter Woods would purchase their library card at FRB because their children attend Gardner/South Wilmington High School which is located in the Fossil Ridge Public Library.

When applying for a card, the applicant MUST present:

*either a current tax bill or a rent receipt/check
AND one form of ID reflecting their legal address.
(post office box alone is not acceptable)

The formula used to determine the yearly cost of the card is:

HOMEOWNERS:

Multiply the net equalized value of the homeowners' property tax by the greater of .001249 or the actual tax rate charged current resident users of Fossil Ridge Public Library.

YOU WILL MULTIPLY BY .001249 OR GREATER.

Example: tax bill states the value of the property is \$45,000.00

Formula= \$45,000 x .001249 or the actual tax rate = \$56.20 amount charged for a one year card.

RENTERS:

Multiply the monthly rent by 10%

Example: rent is \$600 a month

Formula - \$600.00 x .10 = \$60.00 amount charged for a one year card.

*Families are entitled to 2 library cards with this fee.**

An exception to this rule would be Gardner/South Wilmington students that live in Bookwalter Woods. The students will need separate cards to check out during scheduled school visits.

The card will have a one year expiration date. The cost will need to be re-calculated on a yearly basis. A Non-resident sticker will be affixed to the front of the card just above the barcode. The patron profile will be FRBB-NONR.

Public Act 102-0843 (Cards for Kids Act Expansion)

Sec. 30-55.60. Use of library by nonresidents. The board may extend the privileges and use of the library, including the borrowing of materials on an individual basis by persons residing outside the district. If the board exercises this power, the privilege of library use shall be upon terms and conditions prescribed by the board in its regulations. The board shall charge a nonresident fee for the privileges and use of the library at least equal to the cost paid by residents of the district, with the cost to be determined according to the formula established by the Illinois State Library. A person residing outside of a public library service area must apply for a non-resident library card at the public library closest to the person's principal residence. The nonresident cards shall allow for borrowing privileges at all participating public libraries in the regional library system. The nonresident fee shall not apply to any of the following:

A nonresident in an unincorporated area in

Illinois who is a student whose household falls at or below the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Income Eligibility Guidelines.

The board may adopt regulations waiving the nonresident fee for persons under the age of 18.

For homeschool students, the public library shall create a certification document that at a minimum includes current household size and current annualized household income and is signed by an adult representative of the student applicant's household. The public library shall review the certification document and shall waive the non-resident fee for applicants whose documents indicate that they are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Veterans Disability Exemption

- 1) The non-resident fee shall not apply to veterans with a service-connected disability of at least 70% who are exempt from paying property taxes on their primary residence.
- 2) The non-resident fee shall not apply to the unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran who qualified for this exemption prior to death.
- 3) The non-resident fee shall not apply to an unmarried surviving spouse of a service member killed in the line of duty.

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4) Qualifying veterans or surviving spouses must present documentation from the county where they reside that indicates their residence is exempt from paying property taxes.

5) The non-resident fee shall not apply to veterans with a service-connected disability of at least 70% who do not own their principal residence and who reside outside of a public library service area. The veteran shall present documentation of at least 70% disability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs when applying for their non-resident card.

In accordance with PA 92-0166, the Board of Trustees of the Fossil Ridge PLD shall decide each year whether to continue issuing “non-resident” library card for the next fiscal year.