

Nonresident Policy and Fees

Hillside Public Library

Policy Statement

Residents of the Westdale Gardens subdivision or any other unincorporated area near the Village of Hillside, who own no property within the incorporated Village of Hillside, may purchase a nonresident library card. The annual fee paid per household allows all residents at that address to have a library card for one year. Residents from any other unincorporated area must visit the closest public library to the applicant's residence to apply for a library card, as determined by 75 ILCS 16/30-55.60.

The annual fee for the nonresident card shall be equitable and proportionate to the fee paid by residents of the incorporated Village of Hillside. The fee will be calculated using the Tax Bill Method. Renters will be charged 15% of their monthly rent and should present a canceled rent check or rent receipt dated within the previous 30 days or a current, fully executed lease agreement.

Nonresident cards are valid for one year and provide access to all services offered by the Hillside Public Library, including reciprocal borrowing privileges.

Exemptions

A fee for an unincorporated library card will not be charged to:

- Children under 18 who reside in unincorporated Hillside, Westdale Gardens, or any other eligible unincorporated parcel.
- Students 18 and over who have not yet completed grade 12 who participate in the Federal Free and Reduced-Price Lunch or Breakfast programs.
- Veterans with a service-connected disability (or their surviving spouses) of at least 70% who are exempt from paying property taxes on their primary residence or rent in an unincorporated area.

To receive a card at the Hillside Public Library, nonresidents under 18 should bring a current, unexpired identification that includes your full name and reflects your address in unincorporated Hillside. A student ID or piece of mail will be accepted with a parent's ID.

To receive a card at the Hillside Public Library, students in Hillside schools aged 18 and older who have not yet completed 12th grade will need the letter of Free and Reduced-Price Lunch or Breakfast eligibility that they receive each year on or around July 1 from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). If a student misplaces their letter, they may request a new copy from their school. Applications for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch and Breakfast are available through a participating school's principal.

Cards issued in accordance with PA 102-0843 (Cards for Kids Act expansion) will only be registered in a student's name. Parents wishing to have a library card in their name may purchase a nonresident card as detailed above.

Disabled veterans or their surviving spouses may present their tax bill showing their Homestead Exemption. For information on how to apply for property tax relief available through Homestead Exemptions, contact the Cook County Assessor's Office.

Approval

Approved by the Hillside Public Library Board of Trustees
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