

Notice of Non-Resident Fee Structure

Illinois state law allows libraries to offer library cards to persons who do not reside in the library district's boundaries or own taxable property within the library district's boundaries (75 ILCS 16/30-55.60). Purchased card-holders are entitled to the same services as taxed card-holders.

The card must be purchased from the public library closest to the resident's home. When in doubt about which library is closest, the public library serving the patron's school district shall sell the non-resident card.

Property Owners

The cost of library service for properties outside the boundaries of the Genoa Public Library District is determined by the net assessed value of the property multiplied by the current tax rate (0.0022354) for library service on properties located within the boundaries of the Genoa Public Library District. The annual cost to purchase non-resident library services is calculated based on all taxable parcels included in the property owner's principal residence. The most recent tax bill must be provided at the time of application and at the time of each annual renewal for this cost to be determined.

This annual fee provides library service to all individuals who are at least three years old and for whom this is their principal residence. Cards are issued to each individual meeting that criteria. Those who are at least 18 years of age must make application for their individual card in person and must present a state-issued photo ID and proof of current address.

Disabled Veterans Exception

Disabled veterans who qualify for the DeKalb County "Disabled Veteran 70-100% exemption" do not pay property taxes. For that reason, they and all members of their household age 3 and up will be issued annual non-resident library cards upon application at no charge. Verification of this status is shown on the annual property tax bill. The most recent tax bill for the primary residence property must be provided at the time of application and at the time of each annual renewal. Surviving unmarried spouse and family members in the same residence may be eligible for this exemption as well.

Renters

Illinois State law provides that the annual fee for non-resident renters is 15% of the renter's monthly rent. For verification purposes, the renter shall provide to the library a state-issued photo ID along with a copy of the lease or canceled rent check proving current residency.

Tax-Exempt Non-Residents

Fee is calculated using the General Mathematical formula. This is the most efficient and fair way to assess the fee. Here is our calculation: $\$331,229/5,263=\62.93 per capita x 2.59 average residents per household which equals \$162.99 for the cost of an annual household card.

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