

Library Card Policy

A. RESIDENT CARDS

Residents of Itasca with their permanent residence within the service area of the Itasca Community Library are eligible to receive library cards from the Itasca Community Library (ICL). A library card will be issued after the resident has completed the application, presented a valid photo I.D. and one additional acceptable item with a current Itasca address, such as a current utility bill.

Minors (under the age of 18) with their permanent residence within the service area of the Itasca Community Library are eligible to receive a library card from the Itasca Community Library. A parent or guardian is encouraged to have an ICL card. The parent or guardian must be present and sign the minor's library card application.

Resident cards are valid for three years. Resident library cards are allowed reciprocal borrowing privileges at other libraries that provide reciprocal borrowing.

Acceptable forms of identification are as follows:

Acceptable photo I.D. 1 item required	Acceptable proof of address in Itasca, Illinois. 1 item required
Driver's License	Current utility bill
State I.D.	Lease
Passport	Bill of sale/contract for home
Student I.D.	Mail
Military I.D.	Car registration
Other photo I.D. issued by a government agency	

B. NON-RESIDENT CARDS

A non-resident is defined as a property owner or renter who resides in an area that is not taxed for public library service. A non-resident can purchase an ICL card and will be charged a fee that is determined by state formula. A non-resident must present their most recent original tax bill upon application for a non-resident card. The property owner or renter will pay the same amount for their library card as if the property were within the ICL service area. Non-residents must purchase their non-resident library cards at the public library that is within their high school district.

Non-resident library cards are valid for one year from date of purchase and will have the same services as a resident card including reciprocal borrowing. This card is valid for all persons of the same family residing in the same residence.

- i. Payment for non-resident cards may be made in installments over the course of the year.
- ii. If there is a lapse in payment, library privileges for all persons of the family household will be blocked until payments for the term become current.

The Library attempts to provide materials and offer services of use to community organizations, business firms, and governmental agencies operating within the Village of Itasca. The Board of Trustees reserves the authority to distribute library cards to non-taxpaying community members and organizations that will benefit from Library service.

C. ITASCA PROPERTY OWNER CARDS

An individual who owns property but does not reside within the service area of the Itasca Community Library is entitled to receive a library card, based on the provisions of Illinois State law (75 ILCS 16/30-55.60).

Nonresident taxpayers must present their most current property tax statement or copy of the commercial lease of that taxable property and fill out a property owner taxpayer application.

Property owner card holders will have the same services as a resident card holder including reciprocal borrowing.

Presentation of the appropriate tax document and required identification is required when renewing. Library cards must be renewed annually.

D. TEMPORARY RESIDENCY CARDS

A temporary resident, living at a hotel or residence within the service area of the Itasca Community Library will be issued an ICL Card. A library card will be issued after the temporary resident has completed the application and presented proper identification. Proof of residency must be provided with a contract from the hotel or signed responsibility statement from host. Proof of local and permanent address will be required.

Temporary resident cards are valid for one year and have the same services as a resident card including reciprocal borrowing.

E. INSTITUTION CARDS - Governmental

Institution cards are intended to support the information needs of the institution and its goals, not for the personal use of members or employees. One card may be issued for one year to an institution such as a school, park district or other governmental body. A library card will be issued after the institution fills out the Agency or School Library Card contract. The library card will be kept at the library at all times. No institution will be charged fines; they will however be

charged the cost of items lost or damaged. All school cards will be supervised by the Youth Department. All institution cards will be renewed on an annual basis. The library card is the property of the ICL.

F. BUSINESS CARDS

Business library card are available to all businesses located within the Itasca Community Library Service Area. The business must fill out the Business Library Card contract before a card can be issued. The business owner or administrative officer will be financially responsible for any late fees or damage/lost fees incurred on material checked out on the business library card. Card holders have the same services as those given to a resident card including reciprocal borrowing. One business library card will be issued. The card will be valid for a year and must be renewed annually.

G. DIGITAL LIBRARY CARDS

Digital library cards are available to Itasca residents as well as businesses and non-residents located within the Itasca Community Library Service Area. Digital cards provide access to the library's digital resources and research databases. Digital cards are valid for ninety days. Digital library card holders can visit the Library, along with proof of residency (see acceptable options above), within the ninety days to receive a Library card. After ninety days, the digital card will become inactive.

H. STAFF LIBRARY CARDS

Employees of the ICL will be issued a courtesy ICL card upon employment. This library card is to be used for local use only. It cannot be used for reciprocal borrowing purposes at any time. Employees may check out and reserve any ICL materials (physical or electronic) available to the public and request items not owned by the Library through interlibrary loan. Employees are expected to use their borrowing privileges responsibly and judiciously. Some examples of how these privileges can be abused include but are not limited to: extending loan periods, shuffling hold queues, exceeding limits on renewals, taking materials without checking them out, or taking unprocessed materials from the Technical Services shelves.

I. RECIPROCAL BORROWERS

ICL will extend reciprocal borrowing privileges to patrons of any library that extends privileges to cardholders of ICL. Individuals presenting a valid card from another public library in Illinois may borrow items from the ICL, provided that their privileges in their home library are not suspended for any reason. Privileges will be granted for one year or until expiration date of library card at home library, whichever is sooner. Items checked out from ICL are the responsibility of the borrower and are subject to all the fines, rules and regulations of the ICL. Reciprocal Borrowers may not participate in interlibrary loan.

J. LIBRARY CARD USE POLICIES

The ICL library card issued to the card holder may not be used by anyone other than the individual to whom the card has been issued (the card is not transferable).

Minors under the age of 18 will be allowed to check out any item the library offers.

ICL cardholders must present their ICL library card when checking out items. If the cardholder does not have their ICL library card they will be required to show a driver's license or other type of government photo I.D. Minors will be asked what their address, phone number and caregiver name is.

Reciprocal Borrowers must present their library card or a driver's license or other type of government photo I.D. when checking out items.

Quantity restrictions may apply to some items.

Cardholders are responsible for any items checked out on their library card, including replacement costs for damaged or lost items.

A lost or stolen library card must be reported to the library immediately to prevent unauthorized use. The patron is responsible for all items checked out on a lost, stolen, or loaned card, along with any fines, fees, or damages incurred, until the library has been notified of the loss.

K. RENEWAL OF LIBRARY CARD

A valid photo I.D. and one acceptable identification item (if address on photo I.D is different) with current Itasca address is needed to renew an ICL card.

Minors must have an adult parent or caregiver present in order to renew their card.

Library cards with lost, missing or damaged items must be resolved before a new or renewed card will be issued.

Suspension of Privileges will occur if the patron has:

- Unpaid overdue fines consisting of \$10.00 or more

- Delinquency of items of more than 21 days

- Violation of library policy

- Defacing of library property

The library reserves the right to enforce its policies through criminal prosecution and civil actions.

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