

Out of District Patrons

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Those who live outside the property tax district that supports the Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library System and do not live in another library taxing district are considered “out-of-district” or “non-resident” patrons.

State Law establishes three categories for library users:

- Those who live in a property tax district and thus receive public library service without further charge
- Those who live in another library taxing district which is willing to allow borrowing between the affected districts (we call these “reciprocal borrowers”)
- Those who live in areas that pay no property taxes to support a library. The rate that those individuals must pay has been established by state law also.

The State Law as it is written is included here for you to read:

IC 36-12-2-25

Local library cards; fees; penalties for loss or damage of library property

Sec. 25. (a) The residents or real property taxpayers of the library district taxed for the support of the library may use the facilities and services of the public library without charge for library or related purposes. However, the library board may:

- (1) fix and collect fees and rental charges; and
- (2) assess fines, penalties, and damages for the:
 - (A) loss of;
 - (B) injury to; or
 - (C) failure to return;any library property or material.

(b) A library board may issue local library cards to:

- (1) residents of the library district;
- (2) Indiana residents who are not residents of the library district;
- (3) library employees of the library district; or
- (4) employees of a school corporation or nonpublic school located in the library district;

who apply for the cards.

(c) Except as provided in subsections (d) and (e), a library board must set and charge a fee for a local library card issued under subsection (b)(2). The minimum fee that the board may set under this subsection is the greater of the following:

(1) The library district's operating fund expenditure per capita in the most recent year for which that information is available in the Indiana state library's annual "Statistics of Indiana Libraries".

(2) Twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(d) A library board may charge a reduced fee or not charge a fee for a local library card under subsection (c) that is issued to an Indiana resident who is:

(1) a student enrolled in a public school corporation that is located at least in part in the library district; and

(2) not a resident of the library district.

(e) A library board may charge a reduced fee or not charge a fee for a local library card under subsection (c) that is issued to an Indiana resident who is a student enrolled in a nonpublic school that is located at least in part in the library district.

(f) A library board may issue a local library card under subsection

(b)(3) or (b)(4):

(1) to an individual who is not a resident of the library district; and

(2) without charging a fee for the card;

if the board adopts a resolution that is approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to the library board.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.49. Amended by P.L.91-2009, SEC.1; P.L.113-2010, SEC.160.

At this time the Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library Board has set this fee at \$36.00. This amount may be reconsidered at any time.

It is ultimately the responsibility of each township trustee to see that the residents have access to library services. If you are among those who live in areas that have no public library service available without an individual charge, please let your township trustee know that this is a concern of yours.

To assist you in contacting your trustee, we have included their names, addresses, and phone numbers:

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