



Hillsboro Public Library

Your Library Card

Library Membership

Residents, Annexed Patrons, or Property Owners

If you live in Montgomery County AND Hillsboro School District, Unit #3, or own property within the Hillsboro Area Public Library District's boundaries, then you are entitled to a free library card by paying for the library through your property taxes. The following areas are included in the library district's boundaries: Hillsboro, Hillsboro outskirts, Schram, Taylor Springs, Butler, Coffeen and Irving. (If you are from Panama or Donnellson, eligibility depends on whether you live in Montgomery County or Bond).

Reciprocal Borrowers

If you have membership with another library such as Litchfield, Witt, Nokomis, Greenville or Raymond, etc. then you are entitled to use your library card here to borrow materials or use the computers.

Non-Resident Library Card Laws

If you live in Bond county (some of Panama) or if you do NOT live in the Hillsboro School District Unit #3 boundaries (much of Fillmore), you will have to pay \$70 for a non-resident library card. Why? Because it is the law.

According to the Illinois Local Library Act, state law, (75 ILCS, 5/4-7) if you do not live within the library district's boundaries, you are not paying for the library within your property taxes and therefore are considered a non-resident.

Non-residents are required to pay a fee for services comparable to local taxpayers who already are paying for the library.

According to the Secretary of State's website, "Public Library Boards have the authority to extend the use of the library to nonresidents for an annual fee, which must be equal to or the cost paid by residents" [23 Ill. Adm. Code 3030.10].

Please refer to [Public Library Non-Resident Service Administrative Rules](#) on the Secretary of State, Jesse White's website.

Cards for Kids (SB3177) If you have a child in the Hillsboro CUSD #3 School District and you are NOT covered by our library district (aka non-residents) AND your child qualifies for reduced or free lunch, you are eligible for a free family library card. A student ID card (or letter from the school) and poof of residency will need to be provided to be eligible.