



LIBRARY CARD REGISTRATION POLICY

1. All residents, as defined in the policy on “Residency,” are entitled to register for and receive a Washington County Library card, subject to the provisions of this policy.
2. Residents may be issued a library card free of charge. Residents will be charged fees for replacing lost and damaged cards, excluding cards that must be replaced because of normal wear and tear. Library cards are non-transferable and may only be used by the person named on the card holder’s registration. However, if a card holder designates an individual to pick up reserved materials by loaning them their library card, the library staff will acknowledge that possession of the card implies permission to check out reserved materials for the registered card holder.
3. In order to register for a library card, individuals are required to provide both proof of identification and residency. Photo identification must be a picture ID issued by government, school, or employer. Under Utah law, a Driver’s Privilege Card is not acceptable as proof of identification. Proof of residency must be current, and will include the name and address of the individual. A post office box number may be used for mailing purposes, but is not sufficient as proof of residency. Examples of proof of residency are as follows: Utility bill (except cell phone), property tax statement, rent receipt/contract, and mail postmarked within the last thirty (30) days; however, junk mail is not sufficient as proof of residency. Verbal confirmation of address, made by family members, friends, employers or others, in person or by telephone, does not constitute proof of residency for the purpose of this policy. When a card is replaced after being lost or destroyed, the staff will take appropriate measures to verify that the individual replacing the card is the individual to whom the account is registered, and may require identification or re-verification of residency at that time.
4. Individuals 18 years of age and older may register for library cards for themselves, for their children through age 17, and for others where legal guardianship or custody has been granted. By completing the registration process for a minor child, the parent or guardian accepts financial responsibility for the materials checked out by his or her minor child and acknowledges that it is his or her responsibility to guide the selection of materials checked out by that minor child. An individual under 18 years of age may register for a library card only: a) if he or she is an emancipated minor as defined in Utah State Code, Annotated, 15-2-1, which states, “The period of minority extends in males and females to the age of eighteen years; but all minors obtain their majority by marriage;” or b) if the individual has been declared emancipated by a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with Utah State Code, Annotated, 78-3a-1001 through 78-3a-1005. The library also recognizes minors emancipated in accordance with laws of other states upon presentation of adequate documentation.

5. An individual will be denied registration for a library card if his or her immediate family - including spouse, children who accrued fines while under the age of 18 and children who remain under the parent's guardianship past the age of 18 - have fines and charges with the library totaling \$50 or more. However, an individual will not be held accountable for fines accrued by an ex-spouse following a divorce or legally recognized separation and for fines accrued by children not within his or her legal custody.
6. Non-residents may apply for a Washington County Library Card for a \$25 annual fee or \$15 for six months. Picture identification with proof of current address is required. The non-resident card will limit the number of items that may be checked out at one time to ten (10) items.
7. The card holder is responsible for all damages, losses, fines and fees charged to on the library card. Lost or stolen library cards are to be reported immediately to the library as the card holder continues to be responsible for all materials, fines, and fees charged to their card, regardless of who uses it, until it is reported lost or stolen. Patrons should also inform the library of changes to their address or phone numbers.
8. Patrons who are responsible for debt evidence by unreturned library materials which debt is included in a legal declaration of bankruptcy may have limitations imposed on their borrowing privileges by the Director. The limitations will have the sole purpose of decreasing the exposure of the library to further losses of materials, and will be lifted when the Director is satisfied that such exposure is minimal.

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