

3-6. Circulation

Josephine Community Library District (JCLD) encourages the use of library services by individuals of all ages to support their personal, educational, recreational, and professional needs. The following policies and guidelines are provided to ensure consistent and equitable access to library services for all patrons.

Policy 3-6-1. Library Card Eligibility

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A. Full-Service Cards

The following categories of individuals are eligible to register for full-service library cards when adequate identification is provided:

- All residents of the Josephine Community Library District are eligible for a full-service card; applicants must show photo identification with current address.
- Residents of areas outside the library district may register for a card after paying a household out-of-district fee; applicants must show photo identification with current address. See Out-of-District Cards section below.
- Youth under age 16 may be issued their own library card when accompanied by an adult providing their signature and proof of identity and address. An adult's signature on a youth application constitutes the adult's permission for the youth to have a borrower's card and signifies a willingness to assume financial responsibility for all items checked out on the card.

B. Out-of-District Cards

In fairness to those taxpayers who are residents and property owners within JCLD boundaries, an annual fee to borrow materials will be charged to patrons who live outside of the district. The amount of the flat, per-household fee is evaluated each year during the budget process to be sure it is equitable and a fair value for services. The current fee is \$60 per household.

JCLD may waive or reduce this fee for certain reasons that may include, but are not limited to, volunteer work, educational need, or outreach efforts. This may include:

- Certified educators teaching within Josephine County (must show current school ID). Card must be renewed each year by showing valid school ID.
- Transitional residence facilities.
- Active library volunteers who reside outside the district are eligible for a volunteer library card. Eligibility for a volunteer card is reviewed quarterly.

C. Library Cards for Non-Resident District Property Owners

Owners of properties located within the district but who reside outside the district support the libraries through their in-district property taxes and therefore may be eligible for library cards.

To apply, the property owners must show photo identification and complete the “Library District Property Confirmation” form on which they specify their in-district property address, and attest that they own this property. This information is confirmed by district map and property data records.

D. Internet Cards

Internet cards provide public access computer use privileges to patrons and access to subscription databases, but no borrowing privileges. These cards are available at no charge and proof of address is not required. Acceptable identification includes, but is not limited to:

- government-issued identification
- credit card
- organization membership card
- insurance card
- student body card

E. Internet Guest Pass

A guest pass is available to allow visitors access to public computers. No identification is required to use a guest pass.

F. Instant online library cards (digital library cards)

Digital library card registration is available through the library's website for instant access to digital resources including electronic books, subscription databases, and ILS hold requests. This card is valid for 30 days and cannot be used to check out physical items. To convert a digital library card to full-service status patrons must present the required identification, proof of residency, and out-of-district fee if applicable.

Library cards are not required for in-house services, or to participate in library programs