

Non-Resident Library Card Program

Illinois Law empowers the Library Board to extend borrowing privileges to non-residents under **75 ILCS 5/4-7 (12)**. Each year the Board must decide whether to grant such privileges to non-residents and then notify the RAILS Library System of its decision. The Rolling Meadows Library has always extended this service to non-residents under the terms and conditions of the Statute below. Administration recommends that the Rolling Meadows Library continue its participation in the non-resident reciprocal borrowing program for another year. The Statute reads in pertinent part as follows:

75 ILCS 5/4-7 (from Ch. 81, par. 4-7) Sec. 4-7. Each board of library trustees of a city, incorporated town, village or township shall carry out the spirit and intent of this Act in establishing, supporting and maintaining a public library or libraries for providing library service and, in addition to but without limiting other powers conferred by this Act, shall have the following powers: ... **12.** To extend the privileges and use of the library, including the borrowing of materials on an individual basis by persons residing outside of the city, incorporated town, village or township. If the board exercises this power, the privilege of library use shall be upon such terms and conditions as the board shall from time to time by its regulations prescribe, and for such privileges and use, the board shall charge a nonresident fee at least equal to the cost paid by residents of the city, incorporated town, village or township, with the cost to be determined according to the formula established by the Illinois State Library. A person residing outside of a public library service area must apply for a non-resident library card at the public library located closest to the person's principal residence. The nonresident cards shall allow for borrowing privileges at all participating public libraries in the regional library system. The nonresident fee shall not apply to privilege and use provided under the terms of the library's membership in a library system operating under the provisions of the Illinois Library System Act, under the terms of any reciprocal agreement with a public or private corporation or entity providing a library service, or to a nonresident who as an individual or as a partner, principal stockholder, or other joint owner owns taxable property or is a senior administrative officer of a firm, business, or other corporation owning taxable property within the city, incorporated town, village or township upon the presentation of the most recent tax bill upon that taxable property, provided that the privilege and use of the library is extended to only one such nonresident for each parcel of such taxable property. Nothing in this item 12 requires any public library to participate in the non-resident card reciprocal borrowing program of a regional library system as provided for in this Section;