

Questions and Answers about the Non-Resident Library Card Fee

Q. How much is the registration fee?

A. \$35 annually per card holder. The fee is non-refundable and should be paid to the library you plan to use most frequently.

Q. What if I received this letter and I live in Onondaga County?

A. Your information on record may be out of date. Stop at the library and we can check and update it.

Q. Can this fee be waived?

A. If you **own property in Onondaga County** and can provide proof of ownership, the fee will be waived for three years.

Or,

if you **attend a school, college, or university in Onondaga County** and provide proof of enrollment, your fee will be waived for one year.

You can obtain an exemption application online at LPL.org or at the library.

Q: Can I still use the library if I don't pay the library card fee?

A: Yes. You can visit the library to read books, magazines and newspapers, and access the Internet wirelessly on your laptop or mobile device. You can ask a librarian for information in person, by phone, text, email, or 24/7 chat reference. Many online reference resources at OCPL (onlib.org) and Liverpool (LPL.org) are available to everyone. You can attend community room events, library programs, and sign up for activities for children, teens, and adults.

Q. What will the money from this fee be used for?

A. The fees will be used to buy library materials and support programs and library services at the library where you pay the fee.

Q: Can members of a family share a library card?

A: Yes, but cards are issued to an individual only. If others use the card, the cardholder is responsible for all items checked out on the card.

Q. What if I only want to use the public computers for a short time or cannot afford the fee?

A. Liverpool offers a one-hour guest pass to use the public computers.

The Central Library and Syracuse city branches offer a free card with limited borrowing privileges that can be used for computer sign-up and other in-library purposes only in those libraries. Other libraries may have other options.

Q: How does the fee-based card work?

A: The card expires after 12 months. It can be used at all 32 library sites in the system which include the Central Library, city branches, and suburban libraries. It has all the library privileges you had before. It can also be used remotely to place holds, use databases, and download eBooks, audiobooks, and music. (Digital resources and access to them varies by library and may be restricted to cardholders of the library that purchased the items.)

Q. What libraries are in the OCPL system?

A. Onondaga County Central Library and its branches - Beauchamp, Betts, Hazard, Mundy, Northeast Community Center, Paine, Petit, Soule, Southwest Community Center, and White.

Independent suburban libraries include Baldwinsville Public Library, Dewitt Community Library,

E. Syracuse Free Library, Elbridge Free Library, Fairmount Public Library, Fayetteville Free Library, Jordan Bramley Library, Lafayette Public Library, Liverpool Public Library, Onondaga Free Library, Manlius Library, Marcellus Free Library, Maxwell Memorial Library (Camillus), Minoa Library, Northern Onondaga Public Library (NOPL)@North Syracuse, NOPL@Brewerton, NOPL@Cicero, Salina Free Library, Skaneateles Library, Solvay Public Library, and Tully Free Library.