

Applying for a Library Card

A library card allows you to:

- Check out books, DVDs, CDs, and other library materials
- Search online databases from your home, office, or school
- Check your library account online from home or office
- Place holds on items and request delivery to a library of your choice

You will need to bring identification to apply for a library card. Acceptable forms of identification include the following:

- Minnesota state drivers license
- U.S. passport
- Alien Registration Card
- Military identification
- Employee identification card with address
- Bank statement or other bill listing address
- School identification card

Children's library cards:

Children can have their parents fill out an application for a library card at age 3. The cards may be kept at the library circulation desk until the child begins third grade. This card allows the child to check out all library materials. The selection of the materials is up to the child and the decision to view or use them is up to the parents.

Who qualifies for free library service?

You can get a free library card if you live, work, or own property within Traverse des Sioux regional library system or if you're the spouse or underage dependent of someone who does.

Free service areas include the following:

Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan.

Library services are also available to any Minnesota state resident with a valid library card according to the terms of the state reciprocal borrowing agreement.

Blue Earth Community Library non-resident fee policy:

An annual fee of \$25 is charged to each non-resident who applies for a library card, except residents of Kossuth or Winnebago counties in Iowa, who wish to use the library. Note: Persons residing in another state but own property in Faribault County are considered "residents" for tax purposes and are not subject to any fees.

