



Library Patron Card Eligibility Policy

FREE CARD

A person aged 5 or older may have a free Hampstead Public Library patron borrowing card under one of the following conditions:

1. Be a Hampstead resident. Card valid for 3 years.
2. Pay property taxes in Hampstead. Card valid for 1 year.
3. Be a non-resident but employed year-round in Hampstead. Card valid for 1 year.
4. Be a student in a Kindergarten through 8th grade school in Hampstead. Card valid for current school year, ending August 31st.

Patron of any age must appear in person to get their card. Patron or a child's parent/guardian must sign the agreement on the library card application form. Relatives using a resident's card (i.e. a family member visiting for vacation) must bring the resident's card with them to the library when they wish to check out materials.

PAID CARD

Non-residents who are not eligible for a free card may purchase a card by appearing in person at the library:

1. A person who resides out of town and does not pay taxes, go to school or work year-round in Hampstead.
2. A person who rents a seasonal dwelling.

Non-resident paid: card expires in one year.

There is a set fee per year fee for non-residents who do not pay taxes, go to school or work in Hampstead. Fee is determined by the Board of Trustees.

Non-resident short term: card expires in 4 months.

There is a set fee for non-residents who do not pay taxes, go to school or work year-round in Hampstead but are in Hampstead for a short period of time. The card will be valid for a period of 4 months and have limited checkout privileges. Patrons with this card may have only two items checked out at a time. Fee is determined by the Board of Trustees.

Approved by the Board of Trustees

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