camden county
LIBRARY SYSTEM

CIR-1, Library Cards
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Policy Statement:

The Camden County Library issues free library cards to residents in member communities, Camden County residents aged 65 and over, Camden County veterans and active-duty military, members of several County Library Systems, and many others. Households not in member communities can purchase library cards for a fee that is equivalent to the average library tax assessed on a household in a member community.

Regulations**:**

1. Library card registration and renewal

    1.1. Patrons may register for a library card in person at a library branch or online.
    1.2. There is no age restriction for obtaining a library card.
    1.3. Accounts may be renewed online, in person at a library branch, or by phone. Renewals made in person require identification as outlined in this policy.
    1.4. Address changes may be made online, in person at a library branch, or by phone. Address changes made in person require a valid photo ID with the new street address or two other forms of identification with the new street address.
    1.5. Paid memberships must be renewed in person at a library branch.

2. Free library cards

    2.1. The Library offers three year, one year, and three month memberships.
    2.2. Residents of member communities and Camden County seniors aged 65 and over may receive free three year cards and must provide the following identification:
        2.2.1. Individuals aged 15 and up must provide a valid photo identification card with current street address or two other items of identification with the current street address. If US mail is used as a form of ID, it must be issued or postmarked within the last 90 days and include name and current address.
        2.2.2. Juveniles aged 14 and under must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who must present appropriate identification and sign the application as the person responsible for the card.
        2.2.3. If a juvenile is unable to provide the required identification and co-signature, the registration may be processed, and the card mailed to the street address care of a parent or guardian. Three items may be borrowed on the date of issue of the card.
    2.3. Other individuals who are eligible for free three year, one year, and three month cards must provide the above identification plus the following forms of identification:

Three year cards

Property owners in member communities	Proof of property ownership
Librarians who reside in Camden County	Proof of MLS or MLIS degree or library employment
Businesses or nonprofit organizations located in member communities	Proof of affiliation with the business or non-profit and proof of address
Camden County veterans or active-duty military	Documentation confirming status

One-Year Cards

Camden County officials and employees	Evidence of employment or status
Students and Tutors registered with Literacy Volunteers of Camden County (LV-CC)	Active status must be verified by the LV-CC office
Employees of Camden County public, private, and parochial K-12 schools	Evidence of employment
Homeschoolers who reside in Camden County	Documentation confirming status
Camden County Library volunteers	Evidence of status
K-12 students who reside in non-member communities but are enrolled in schools in member communities	Evidence of status
Staff and faculty employed by Rutgers University-Camden	Evidence of employment
Students who reside in dorms at Rutgers University-Camden	Evidence of status
Camden County College students, faculty, and staff	Evidence of status or employment
Cardholders of the Atlantic, Burlington, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Sussex, Somerset, and Warren County libraries	Library card from home library

Three-month cards

Residents of non-member communities issued a card in conjunction with a special promotion or program	Same identification requirement as residents of member communities
Individuals aged 15 and older who do not have a permanent address or identification with a current address	n/a

3. Paid library cards

3.1. Individuals and households that do not qualify for a free membership may purchase a card.
3.2. Applicants must present the same identification as residents of member communities when registering or renewing a card.
3.3. The Library Director is authorized to issue paid library cards for free or reduced rates during special promotions or events, or otherwise at their discretion.

Individuals aged 65 and older who reside outside of Camden County	$35.00
3 month membership	$40.00 per household
6 month membership	$70.00 per household
Annual membership	$120.00 per household