

[Library Cards](#)

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Get a Library Card!

Materials and programs are available to everyone, but if you want to check something out (books, audiobooks, playaways, video games, music, DVDs, toys, games, or wireless mobile hotspots), access eLibrary resources, reserve a studio or study room, or register for an event, you'll need a Library Card! Library Cards are free for Monroe County residents of all ages. Here's how to get one:

- [Fill out an application online](#), at any Library Branch or any Bookmobile stop
- Provide a photo ID and proof of a current local address in person. Accepted verification documents:

[? Monroe County residents age 18 and up](#)

- Government-issued photo ID that includes current Monroe County address (e.g., current Driver's License or Indiana State ID)

–OR–

- Photo ID —AND— a document establishing current address

[? Monroe County residents age 17 and under](#)

Patrons age 17 accompanied in person by a parent or legal guardian meeting the ID requirements above may be issued a Library Card in their own name. Otherwise, a Youth Starter Card may be issued.

Youth Starter Card

To apply for a Youth Starter Card, the patron must provide:

- Their Monroe County address
- Their full name and birth date
- Contact information for receiving notifications

A Youth Starter Card allows for borrowing one item at a time while the account remains in good standing.

A previously borrowed item must be returned before another item may be checked out. A Youth Starter Card may be upgraded upon meeting the identification requirements for a regular Library Card.

eAccess Card

Students at participating Monroe County schools may get access to the Library's eLibrary Resources through their school's [Library eAccess Card program](#).

A Library Card is not required to visit the Library, search the Library Catalog, or use our public computers. For more information about Library card requirements, please contact [Library Staff](#).

Special Card Types

[? Non-Resident Cards](#)

Indiana residents who live outside Monroe County may purchase an annual Non-Resident Card for borrowing only at Monroe County Public Library. Currently the annual fee for Non-Resident Cards is \$65. Contact the [Library](#) to apply.

[? Public Library Access Cards \(PLAC\)](#)

Indiana residents who hold a valid borrower's card at the public library of their residence may purchase an annual PLAC card. As a statewide public library borrowing card, a PLAC allows for in-person borrowing of items from any public library in Indiana.

The current annual fee for PLACs, determined by Indiana State Library, is \$65.

Items borrowed on a PLAC must be returned to the library from which they were borrowed. PLAC borrowers are subject to the lending policies of the libraries from which they borrow, and assume responsibility for all borrowed materials and any related charges.

Per Indiana State Library, PLACs are issued to individuals; no family PLAC cards are issued.

See Indiana State Library's [PLAC information](#).

[? Indiana University Students](#)

Non-resident students attending Indiana University–Bloomington are eligible for a free Monroe County Public Library Card. A Bursar's statement showing an on-campus housing charge or a Monroe County local address is acceptable as proof of address; Bursar's statements are accessible online through [One.IU](#).

[? Educator Card for Out-of-County Residents](#)

Educators employed at any preschool or K-12 school within Monroe County are eligible for a Library Card for the duration of their employment.

Educator cards are issued for the benefit of Monroe County students, and may be used to check out items for educational use only. All regular Library Card policies apply to Educator Cards. See other options on this page for personal borrowing.

In addition to name and address verification, educators must verify employment for the current school year with one of the following:

- School or childcare ID badge
- Copy of a contract confirming employment
- Letter on school or childcare facility letterhead from the school administrator or childcare director
- Paycheck statement (paper or online)

Employment eligibility must be confirmed each year for renewal.

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