



Library Card Policy

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OBTAINING A LIBRARY CARD

1. To obtain an **Adult Resident** or **Juvenile Resident** library card one must be a resident of the Gardiner Library service area.
2. Applicants must be at least 5 years old or entering kindergarten.
3. New Paltz residents can obtain an **Adult Resident** or **Juvenile Resident** library card.
4. Landowners, second homeowners, and business owners in the Gardiner Library service area, and employees of a local business, may obtain a **Non-resident library card**. *This library card entitles the user to the same privileges as an Adult Resident library card.*
5. Ulster County residents who live outside the library's service area and want to use the library because of convenience, place of employment, etc. can obtain an **Ulster Courtesy library card** which allows users to check out 10 items at a time. *Ulster Courtesy card holders are not allowed to use the system's direct access (ILL system).*
6. Seasonal renters, vacationers, and visitors who are in the library's service area for four or more weeks can obtain a **Temporary Gardiner library card** which allows the users to check out 10 items at a time. *Temporary Gardiner library card holders are not allowed to use the system's direct access (ILL system).*
7. Visitors (i.e., family or friends) and vacationers in the Gardiner Library service area less than four weeks can obtain a **Temporary Gardiner library card** which allows one item to be checked out at a time. *Temporary Gardiner library card holders are not allowed to use the system's direct access (ILL system).*
8. A library card entitles the bearer access to all sections of the library.