

How to be a Sherman Public Library Cardholder

If you are a resident of the Sherman Public Library District, a resident borrower card will be issued at no charge, with proof of address. Just visit the library during regular hours and fill out an application. Sherman Library cards, in good standing, are accepted at any public library in the Illinois Heartland Library System. Most public libraries within the State of Illinois will also accept your Sherman Library card. You may also order online, check library catalogs, or renew materials from home using your barcode number. Your library card also provides access to many e-materials such as Zinio magazines, Library on the Go and 3M e-books.

Not a resident of the Sherman Public Library District and still want to use the Library? It is easier than you may think. Library programs are available to everyone whether they reside in the district or not. Everyone is welcome to use any material at the library, including the internet, as long as they stay in the library. Anyone not residing in the Sherman Library District may apply for and receive a library card entitling them to the same borrowing privileges as resident cardholders. The Illinois State Library provides three options libraries may use to determine a non-resident fee. Some libraries opt for the flat fee method where each non-resident card holder pays the same set fee based on the State Library general formula.

The Sherman Public Library Board has approved the tax bill method for determining the non-resident card fee :

1. Property owners residing outside the district should bring a current property tax bill with them. The library tax rate or equivalent, including all special levies, is applied to the non-resident property owner's principal residence assessed valuation on an individual, case by case basis. The most recent property tax bill will be used. The non-resident property owner will pay the same amount as would be paid if the property were in the library service district.
2. The amount in the line "Value after Exemptions" is multiplied by the current Sherman Library tax rate. The most current rate is .2821. This is the amount of the Non-Resident family card (s). A resident cardholder will already have paid this amount on their tax bill. The Library Board approved this method in their May 21, 2014 board meeting.
3. In the event the applicant is a renter, the non-resident fee is calculated at 15% of the monthly rent. Anyone applying as a renter should bring proof of their current rent payment.