

Why do Students & Non-residents have to pay for a library card?

Everyone pays for a library card. As a public library in the State of Indiana, we receive a percentage of property taxes paid within the city limits. Simply put, those who live inside the taxing district pay for a library card whether they ever register for one or not. With Student & Non-resident cards, the choice to purchase a library card is in your hands. Prices are dictated by the State and kept as low as we possibly can keep them.

If \$89 for a library card seems steep to you, we understand. Consider, however, that your library card gives you access to tens of thousands of titles in our physical collection along with several digital libraries and databases, as well. We offer e-Books, audiobooks, movies, magazines, music, and training courses through services such as Overdrive, Hoopla, RB Digital, Gale Courses and more.

For comparison, consider the yearly prices of popular subscription services which, on average, only offer one type of media:

- ⇒ Amazon Prime: \$119 annually or \$12.99 a month
- ⇒ Netflix: \$155.88 (Standard)
- ⇒ Texture (*Magazines*): \$119.88
- ⇒ Hulu: \$143.88
- ⇒ Book of the Month Club: \$179.88
- ⇒ Audible: \$149.50 (12 audiobooks) or \$229.50 (24 audiobooks)

There are many other databases available to you at no additional charge with a library card. Check out our website—www.wabash.lib.in.us—for more information on all of them.

