

BORROWING POLICY FOR RESIDENTS & NON-RESIDENTS

Residents (and property owners) in towns that contribute to the Library's annual operating budget are entitled to borrowing privileges at no charge. This includes residents and property owners in Bennington, Shaftsbury and Woodford. Residents of towns other than Bennington, Old Bennington, Shaftsbury and Woodford are charged \$25.00 annually per family for borrowing privileges. Single membership fee is \$19.00 annually. Cards for students under the age of 18 are available at a cost of \$5.00 annually. Bennington College and Southern Vermont College students living in dormitory accommodations or other temporary housing are considered non-residents.

All persons, regardless of place of residence, may use the library's collections and services free of charge while in the library. All programming events are also free and open to the public.

Borrowers must present a valid library card when checking out library materials. There is a \$3.00 charge for the replacement of a lost library card. When applying for a library card, patrons must present a form of ID with their current legal address. The library reserves the right to check references before issuing new borrowers' cards.

Children of at 5 years of age may have their own library card. A parent/guardian of children through middle school must sign their child's application form, thereby assuming responsibility for materials borrowed on their child's card.

Special borrowing arrangements will be made for the disabled upon request.

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