

Cards for Kids Policy

The Red Bud Public Library strives itself on being accessible to all members of the community, both residents and non-residents of the City of Red Bud.

Previously, the Cards for Kids Act allowed libraries to waive fees for non-resident cards issued to minors based on the household income. Between the years 2020 and 2022, the Illinois General Assembly established and passed an amendment (Public Act 102-8043) of the Local Library Act (75 ILCS 5/4-7) and Section 30-55.60. This amendment states that local libraries can adopt regulations regarding waiving non-resident fees for minors (persons under age 18). In the summer of 2022, the Red Bud Public Library adopted the amendment into their policies. The Library provides cards to all school-aged children (ages 5 to 18) who are within Red Bud CUSD 132 boundaries. Regardless of household income, the non-resident fee is not applied to those who are issued a borrower's card under the Cards for Kids (CFK) from Red Bud Public Library, per this policy.

Any CFK has the same services of a Library borrower's card available to them (interlibrary loan, online card catalog, and CloudLibrary). Any CFK patron is issued a 4-digit password that allows access to their Library account online.

Regulations of CFK

As per this policy, any Cards for Kids borrower's card is restricted to items for the child whose name is associated with that account. Per the 'Borrower's Card Policy', any individual without a borrower's card cannot use a Library patron's account to access library-loaned material. This extends to parents, legal guardians, siblings, and other family members of the CFK card holder. If the CFK account is being used to check-out material not intended for the card holder, the Library staff will issue one verbal warning. Any repeated warnings will result in revocation of the CFK card and issuing a standard non-resident card for the annual fee.

Shall the CFK card holder become not in good standing (outstanding fees, continued failure to not return items in a timely manner, lost or damaged items, other stipulations of this policy not being followed), the CFK card may be revoked and a standard non-resident card will be issued; the annual fee will have to be paid.

Requirements for CFK

The Library can issue a borrower's card to any minor aged 5 to 18 within the service area of the Red Bud Public Library if they meet the below requirements:

- Be at least 5 years of age
- Does not exceed 18 years of age
 - If the child is attending high school beyond age 18, it is the discretion of the Library Director as to whether the child is still eligible for a CFK
- Attends school within Red Bud CUSD 132

- All parochial schools within the District and homeschooling students are eligible
 - A current school schedule or most recent report card is recommended to bring to the Circulation Desk when applying for a CFK
- A parent or legal guardian of the minor is present at time of registration with appropriate forms (see 'Borrower's Card Policy')
 - Any minor ages 16-18 does not need a parent or guardian present, given they have the appropriate forms barring their name
 - If applicable: the parent or guardian is in good patron standing with their library account

If the child(ren) meets the above requirements, a CFK borrower's card will be issued at no additional fee. A CFK is issued for 1 year, and renewed if the above requirements are met.

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