

Are you a Non-Resident to the Galena Public Library District?

Checklist

- 1) My 2016 Jo Daviess County Real Estate Tax Bill does not include a line item “Galena Library”.
- 2) My primary residential property is not in East or West Galena Township but within the school district areas of Galena or Scales Mound.

If you answered both questions with **yes**, you **are a non-resident** to the Galena Public Library District. You may calculate your tax amount using the calculation formula attached in the non-resident policy section.

Note: The tax rate for 2016 is valid through June 30, 2018. All household members residing at the address the non-resident fee is paid for, are eligible to receive a library card.



Tax Bill Method

State law requires libraries to charge a fee to persons residing outside of the library district since they are not taxed to support a library.

In 2009 the Board of Trustees of the Galena Public Library District adopted a new billing policy for non-resident patrons of the Galena Public Library District called the *tax bill method*.

80% of public libraries in Illinois adopted this method over the general mathematical formula.

Residents of East and West Galena Townships who are in the library's district annually pay taxes according to the tax bill method.

Please bring a copy of your property tax bill when you apply for a library card or to renew your library account.

Don't hesitate to contact the library, we will be happy to assist you and answer your questions: 815-777-0200 or email to info@galenalibrary.org