



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

1. My recent Jo Daviess County Real Estate Tax Bill does not include a line item "Galena Public Library District"
2. My primary residential property is not located in East or West Galena Township but is within the school districts of Galena or Scales Mound.

If you answered yes to both questions then you are a **non-resident** to the Galena Public Library District. However, you are still able to obtain a library card! Non-resident fees are calculated depending on whether you are property owner or renter. You can view the calculation formulas attached in the Non-Resident Policy section.

All household members residing at the address the non-resident fee is paid for are eligible to receive a library card.

Library cards may be obtained by visiting the library in-person or by filling out the form on the library's [website](#).

Tax bill Method

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

In 2009, the Board of Trustees adopted the tax bill method for non-resident patrons. Please bring a copy of your property tax bill or your rental lease agreement when you apply for a library card or to renew your library account.

You may contact the library at 815.777.0200 or info@galenalibrary.org with any questions.