

Library Card Requirements:

Library cards are *free* for those who fit the criteria below. A \$10 fee is issued to a non resident applicant. To obtain a *free* library card, individuals must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Residency-

Library cards are available at no cost to individuals who reside, own property, attend school, or work within Yancey County.

2. Proof of Identity and Address-

Applicants must provide a valid form of photo identification and proof of current residential address. Acceptable forms of identification may include:

- State-issued driver's license or ID card
- Passport
- Student or employee identification card

3. Proof of address may include-

- Utility bill dated within the past 30 days
- Lease or rental agreement
- Official mail from a government agency

4. Age Requirements-

- Individuals under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present to co-sign the application and assume responsibility for materials checked out on the account.
- Children may be issued a juvenile library card, which may have borrowing limits or access restrictions, depending on library policy.

Loan Periods

- Books, Audiobooks, and Music CDs: 3 weeks
- New Books: 2 weeks
- DVDs and Blu-rays: 1 week
- Digital Materials: Loan periods vary; patrons can select their preferred duration when downloading items

Renewals

- Most items are eligible for up to 2 automatic renewals unless another patron has placed a hold on the item.

Holds

- Patrons may place holds on items currently checked out. Once available, the item will be held for 7 days.

Lost or Damaged Items

- Items not returned within 60 days of the due date are considered lost. Patrons will be charged the replacement cost plus a processing fee.
- Damaged items will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, and applicable fees will be determined accordingly by director or designee.
- Replacement library cards at \$2.00

Borrowing Limits

- Books: Up to 50 items
- DVDs/Blu-rays: Up to 10 items

Account Blocks

- Borrowing privileges may be suspended if a patron has unpaid fees for lost or damaged items.

Privacy and Confidentiality

- In accordance with the ALA Code of Ethics and North Carolina General Statute §125-19, all patron borrowing records are confidential and will not be disclosed except as required by law.

Accessibility and Family Services

- The library offers materials and services suitable for all ages and abilities, including large print books, audiobooks, and multilingual resources.
- Parents and guardians are encouraged to guide their children's reading choices.