

Morton Public Library District - Policy #13
Service For Out Of District Borrowers
Non-Resident Services

1. What does "Out of District" mean?
Anyone who lives outside the Library District limits.

2. Why does that make a difference?
Residents of the Library District pay property taxes to support the library.
Those living outside the Library District limits do not pay taxes to the library.
Living out of district, you may **choose** whether you wish to support the library.

3. What choices are there?
The Morton Library will be happy to offer you the following services: out of district users may use any library materials in the building at no charge and without a library card. Telephone and in person reference assistance is available, you may use any public use computers and make copies.
In order to check out materials a library card is necessary. You may choose one of the following:
 - a. Tax Card
Those owning property in the Village may bring in the tax bill showing the amount paid to the library. This entitles the family to one Tax Card valid at area libraries for one year. To renew the card, bring in the card along with the most recent property tax bill.

 - b. Student Card
If your child attends District 709, Bethel or Blessed Sacrament they are eligible to receive a student card to check out books. They must provide proof of enrollment as well as address.

 - c. Non-Resident Card
In lieu of taxes, out of district borrowers may pay a fee:

Choose:	3 months	\$ 32.50
	6 months	\$ 65.00
	1 year	\$130.00

This fee provides library cards for all eligible household members. The cards are valid at area libraries and issued for the term you choose. This fee is based on an average household tax using a formula required by state statutes.

 - d. Join the Library District
A Landowner whose property is contiguous to the MPLD border may petition the Library Board to join the Morton Library District. As a resident of the district, payment to the library is included in your property taxes. You do not pay at the library for a card. Resident cards have access to all services and to all libraries in the area. Landowners who are not contiguous to the MPLD boundaries may petition the library board to join the library district; however, a minimum number of signatures or a referendum may be required to change the library district boundaries.

Most cardholders support the library through property taxes; however, more than 100 households every year make the choice to join the library by purchasing a card.

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