

How to Apply For a Library Card

There are two ways to get a library card:

1. Go into one of the library's 23 locations with a parent/guardian, their ID and proof of Ohio residence.
2. Go to the Columbus Metropolitan Library website card application:

<https://www.columbuslibrary.org/apply-library-card/#>

Scroll down to step 1 and read and accept the agreements and hit NEXT:

Step 1 of 2

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Cardholder Agreement *

I will be financially responsible for material borrowed with this card. I will inform the library if my residence or email address changes. I will monitor the material my child selects and checks out on this card. I will pay all fees for the loss of or damage to materials borrowed with this card. I will report a lost/stolen card immediately; I am solely responsible for lost/stolen items on my card until I report it lost/stolen.

- ☒ I Acknowledge
- ☐ Do Not Acknowledge

Library Agreement *

The library will hold parent/guardian solely responsible for ensuring materials borrowed by their child/ward are appropriate. Materials include books, music, movies and hotspots. The library's collection serves a wide diversity of customers and therefore contains material some feel is inappropriate. The library will hold parent/guardian of a minor (those age 17 and under) responsible for fees for the loss of or damage to materials borrowed with this card until the child is age 18.

- ☐ I Acknowledge
- ☐ Do Not Acknowledge

Read the instructions and proceed to step 2:

A Library Card is the Best. Deal. Ever.

Check out books, music, movies and hotspots; use a computer; print, copy, fax and scan; download and stream eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies and music, plus access online tools and resources – all free with your library card.

If you are applying from home, you'll receive a digital library card number:

Fill out the application below and you'll receive a library card number to use immediately. You can download eBooks, use our research tools, access digital and streaming content plus reserve meeting and study rooms. You can reserve books and other physical items, but you need a physical library card to check them out. To get one, bring your photo ID to one of our [23 locations](#) and ask a staff member for help.

If you are applying in one of our 23 locations, you'll receive a physical library card:

Fill out the application below and bring your photo ID to staff to pick up your physical library card.

All library card applicants – online and in our locations – must be residents of Ohio.

We hope you'll stop in soon to discover all we have to offer.

Step 2 of 2

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You can now reserve items, and check out ebooks and downloadable audio. To check out physical items, and to get your card you and a parent/guardian must go to a branch of the library with parent/guardian ID and proof of residence in Ohio.