

LIBRARY CARD PRIVILEGES POLICY

RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY

Library Card Privileges Policy: In the interest of providing equitable access to information, services, and resources to all library users in a sustainable manner, our card privileges are as follows:

Types of Privileges:

Rutland Free Library offers two different kinds of cards- Membership cards (which include computer use privileges) and Computer Use only cards. A patron may only have one type of card at any time.

A Computer Use card is free to anyone at any time who is able to show proper identification and is in good standing (i.e., not restricted from privileges due to behavior or money owed.) Computer Use cards expire after one year. The privileges of the Computer Use card include: access to and use of the library's public computers.

Rutland Free Library provides Membership cards free of charge: to individuals who are either residing in or own a home or business in any tax-supporting city or town*; to educational and non-profit agencies under certain conditions; and to students of schools in tax-supporting towns. Membership cards expire after one year. The privileges of a Membership card include: access to and use of the public computers, and ability to check out both physical and online items. A legal guarantor's permission is required to undersign a card issued to a minor; the legal guarantor is responsible for any fees accrued on the minor's card.

Rutland Free Library provides Membership cards to all other persons for an annual charge equivalent to the cost to an individual tax-payer of a supporting town / city.

The library retains the right to restrict or withdraw privileges, or assign fees, under certain conditions including but not limited to: excessive fines; repeated abuse or misuse of library staff, equipment, or property; and public disruptive behavior. (Also see: Code of Conduct Policy)

*Tax-supporting cities and towns are: Rutland City, Rutland Town, Mendon, Tinmouth, and Ira.