

Resident and Non-Resident Use Policy

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The Wethersfield Public Library participates in the Connecticard and Connecticard reciprocal borrowing program. The Wethersfield Library honors the library cards of other Connecticut public libraries and uses the same borrowing parameters for non-residents as for residents. The Wethersfield Library accepts the return of materials belonging to other Connecticut public libraries and returns them to the owning library via the Connecticard delivery system.

Every resident of Wethersfield is eligible to receive a library card from the Wethersfield Library. This library card may be used in all public libraries in Connecticut that participate in the Connecticard reciprocal borrowing program. Use of a Wethersfield Library card at another library is subject to the rules of that library.

Residents of other Connecticut towns need to obtain a library card from their hometown library. They are then welcome to use their hometown card at the Wethersfield Library. This is in accordance with the Connecticut State Statutes: Title 11, Section 3a., part e and Connecticard guidelines. A person who comes to the library and does not have a card from his/her hometown library will be allowed to borrow materials that day under a provisional privilege. In order to continue to use the Wethersfield Library, the patron must bring in a card from his/her hometown library.

A person who owns property or a business in Wethersfield but makes his principal residence in another town must receive his library card from the library in which he makes his principal residence. Principal residence is determined by the address on a valid government-issued photo I.D. (e.g. current driver's license). A person in this category may have the same borrowing privileges extended to town residents.

Upon request, the Library will issue a Wethersfield Library card for use only in the Wethersfield Library.

Interlibrary loan services are offered regardless of the residency of the user. The Wethersfield Library will absorb charges assessed by loaning libraries up to \$10 when the requester is a resident of Wethersfield. Charges will be passed on to non-residents but items will be borrowed only with their prior approval of the charges.

When a program has limited capacity, first priority will be given to local residents. In the case of children, residency will be determined using the same criterion employed by the public school system for determining eligibility for enrollment. This means that Wethersfield children will be registered before those from out of town.

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