

## FAQs

### **Non-Resident Library Card Fee for Borrowers**

#### **Only Residents of the US are eligible for a non-resident card**

Effective October 5, 2013, El Paso Public Library will implement a non-resident fee for checking out books and other materials. The new policy is in response to an increased demand in services and reductions in State and Federal funding. To maintain full borrowing privileges, those who live outside the City limits will need to pay a fee of \$25 for 6 months or \$50 for a full year of service.

#### **Do I have to pay?**

Starting October 5, 2013, anyone living outside of the El Paso city limits who does not own property in the City of El Paso will be required to purchase a library card if they wish to borrow books and other materials. Cards are non-refundable.

#### **Can I still use the library without paying the fee?**

YES! It does not cost anything to visit the thirteen El Paso library locations, use the public computers, attend any of our programs or use any of the materials in-house. A library card is only necessary to check out materials and use some online services.

#### **Why?**

Increasing demand for services and decreases in financial support at the State and Federal level have placed the burden of paying for library services on the shoulders of City of El Paso taxpayers. For the last decade, the State subsidized Texas non-resident users of the City of El Paso Public Library.

#### **How do I pay?**

Pay at the library with cash, check, or credit card. We accept MasterCard, Visa and Discover cards.

#### **What other options do I have?**

For county residents, Clint and Fabens ISDs offer free library service to people who live within their boundaries. Visit their Web sites for more information. Residents of Northwest El Paso County can visit the Jenna Welch and Laura Bush Library at EPCC Northwest for library services.

#### **I work in El Paso but live in a different city. Am I eligible for a free library card?**

The library card fee is based on city of residence, not work location. If you live outside the city, the non-resident fee will apply.