



Fitchburg Public Library

Library Card Policy

Cards in good standing can be used to borrow any circulating item belonging to the library. Cards also provide access to the library's digital collections and to the public computers. Some Library of Things items require the patron to reside in Fitchburg in order to borrow them.

A valid card from any CW MARS library can be used to check out items from the Fitchburg Public Library. A Fitchburg Public Library card can also be used at any CW MARS library.

Patrons must have their library card with them to borrow materials or use the library computers to ensure accuracy in all transactions and to protect accounts. Patrons may present either their physical card or a digital version on a smartphone using the CW MARS app ([iOS](#) | [Android](#)).

Lost library cards can be replaced by presenting a valid photo ID at the front desk. There is a \$2.00 replacement fee.

Requirements for Obtaining a Library Card

Any Massachusetts resident can obtain a Fitchburg Public Library card free of charge.

All library card applications require a photo ID showing name and proof of current address. If the photo ID does not have the current address (the library cannot accept a sticker on the back of a driver's license), the library will accept a piece of recent mail or a billing statement reflecting the current address that has been dated within the last 30 days. If no documentation of address can be provided, the library will mail a postcard to the current address. When the postcard is received, it can be brought back to the library along with a photo ID to obtain a library card.

Children ages 5+ must apply with a parent or guardian. Children in grades 7 and up may apply without a parent or guardian if they can present a photo student ID and proof of address. If you are a student who does not have a photo ID, a parent or guardian must be present when you apply.

College students must present their photo student ID, proof of their permanent address and also their school address.

Out-of-State Residents

Out-of-state residents must pay a yearly \$35 fee for a Fitchburg Public Library card, unless documentation can be provided demonstrating ownership of property in Massachusetts; rental of lodging in Massachusetts for at least 30 days; or residence in Massachusetts while attending school, a training program, or a summer camp lasting at least 30 days. A person who lives out of state but works in Fitchburg may present a current pay stub and pay a yearly \$10 fee. If a parent pays the out-of-state fee, then his or her children may receive their own library cards free of charge. Please note that Fitchburg Public Library cards for out-of-state residents must be applied for in person.