Non-Resident Card Ordinance

Whereas, the Peru Public Library District is a tax-supported public library; and people residing within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Library District pay taxes to support the library, paying no additional fee to be eligible to receive a Peru Library card; and

Whereas, 16 Illinois Compiled Statutes 16/30-55.60 stipulates "a person residing outside of a public library service area must apply for a nonresident card at the public library located closest to the person's principal residence;" and

Whereas, the Board of Library Trustees of the Peru Public Library District participates in the nonresident reciprocal borrowing program of the regional library system and issues nonresident cards for the fiscal year beginning 1 July 2025 and ending 30 June 2026.

The Board of Library Trustees of the Peru Public Library District, La Salle and Bureau Counties, Illinois, ordains:

Section 1. Individuals residing beyond the jurisdictional boundaries of the Peru Public Library District whose closest public library is the Peru Library, and not residing within the boundaries of another public library, and owning no taxable property within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Peru Public Library District, may purchase a non-resident fee card for the price of \$193.00 a year. This fee is calculated on the General Mathematical Formula [23 Administrative Code 3050.60(a)]. The fee entitles the entire family to use the Peru Public Library District.

Section 2. Individuals residing beyond the jurisdictional boundaries of the Peru Public Library District, but owning applicable taxable property within the Peru Public Library District boundaries, may obtain one (1) non-resident library card without payment of the non-resident fee by presenting their most recent tax bill for that taxable property. The privileges and use of the Library District extend to one individual non-resident for each parcel of taxable property. Each non-resident library card issued pursuant to this section is limited to the exclusive use of the individual whose name appears on its face.

Section 3. Individuals under age 18, living outside any library service area, are eligible for a non-resident card, free of charge (75 ILCS 16/30-55.60) the parent or legal guardian must complete the application and acknowledge responsibility for lost or damaged items.

Section 4. Disabled U.S. Veterans with a service-connected disability of at least 70%, and are exempt from paying property taxes on their primary residence, and live in an unserved area are also eligible for a non-resident card free of charge. This card is applicable to anyone in the veteran's residence.

Section 5. A valid non-resident library card issued by the Peru Public Library District pursuant to this Ordinance accords a non-resident library cardholder all the services the Library District provides to its residents, including reciprocal borrowing privileges.

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Section 6. The regional library system is notified within 30 days of this Ordinance's adoption, stating (a) the Ordinance's effective date, (b) time frame covered by this Ordinance, and (c) the adopted fee formula.

Adopted by the Board of Library Trustees of the Peru Public Library District on 12 June 2025.

Doug Olivero, Vice President

Board of Library Trustees

Attest:

Larry Sittler, Secretary

Board of Library Trustees