

Registration Policy

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Introduction

Bossier Parish Libraries issue library cards free of charge to all residents of Bossier Parish. Persons who live, attend school, own property, or are employed in Bossier Parish are eligible for a card. A valid card entitles the user to borrow any materials from the Library which are available for loan.

Patrons may also apply and participate in the Green Gold Library System, which is a borrowing and lending network between northwest Louisiana Public Libraries. This allows patrons native to one library system to borrow materials not found in their home libraries. The following parishes are participating libraries:

- Bienville
- De Soto
- Red River
- Bossier
- Grant
- Sabine
- Caddo
- Lincoln
- Webster
- Claiborne
- Natchitoches
- Winn

Responsibilities

Card users are responsible for the liability and care of borrowed materials. Cards are non-transferable and it is the patron's responsibility to monitor the use of their card.

Patrons are asked to report lost, stolen, or damaged cards, as well as any changes in names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses to the Library as soon as possible, this ensures records are updated.

Renewal Dates

Cards are renewed every 3 years. Temporary cards expire after 90 days of inactivity. Current, acceptable photo ID must be presented and all outstanding fees must be paid at the time of renewal.

Replacement Cards

Lost, stolen, or damaged, cards may be replaced at no charge with a current, acceptable photo ID.

Application Requirements

Applicants must meet the criteria listed in the introduction section and provide the following:

- Government-issued photo ID with a current Bossier Parish address

OR

- Unexpired military ID card (Active Duty or Dependent)

Applicants without proof of eligibility will need to provide additional documentation for verification purposes. Acceptable verification documents (current) include, but not limited to:

- Voter Registration Card
- Utility Bill
- Mail addressed to applicant postmarked within 30 days of application date
- Student ID
- Pay Statement
- Proof of Property Ownership
- Rent Receipt

Card Types

Card types are necessary to ensure proper limitations and are bound to the same rules and regulations unless otherwise noted.

Card Type		Limitations/Notes
Adult	18 +	
*Child/Teen	17 & under	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent/Guardian must sign agreement accepting responsibility of child's card ● Not allowed to check out DVDs and non-traditional materials
Green Gold	Live in a participating Green Gold library system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must present their home library card and photo ID ● Cannot check out Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and non-traditional materials ● Requests for new materials not permitted
Temporary	Applicants without a permanent Bossier Parish residence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Can check out up to 6 items at one time (not to exceed 3 DVDs) ● Cannot check out Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and non-traditional materials ● Expires after 90 days of inactivity ● Exceptions may be approved on a case by case basis, at the discretion of the manager
Organization	Organizations in Shreveport-Bossier area that serve educational purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must be made in writing on official letterhead ● Signed by individual who will assume responsibility for any and all items borrowed, as well as for settling any damaged and lost fees ● Responsible person will furnish a list of authorized users ● 30-day loan period
Educator	Educators in Bossier Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must provide verification (school ID, LA DOE home study approval letter, etc.) ● 30-day loan period ● Non-fiction items 6 per subject
e-card		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Access to the library's public computers, online databases, downloadable collection, and Wi-Fi ONLY
BPL Delivers	Individuals who have been approved for home delivery service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must submit application form through BPL Delivers Coordinator ● Can check out up to 5 items at one time (not to exceed 2 DVDs – 3 months or older) ● 30-day loan period
*Child Only	Ages 9 through 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Does not require parent/guardian signature ● Limited to 3 children's print books
*Teen Only	Ages 13 through 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Does not require parent/guardian signature ● Limited to 3 young adult books

**It is the policy of the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control that parents and guardians, not library staff, are responsible for monitoring and approving the selection of materials made by minor children.*