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# Non-Resident Library Customers



## **PURPOSE**

This policy ensures that library customers who live in the Yakima Valley Libraries' jurisdiction do not subsidize the use of the Yakima Valley Libraries by people who do not live in the Yakima Valley Libraries jurisdiction. The Yakima Valley Libraries' jurisdiction is the unincorporated area of Yakima County and the annexed and contracting towns and cities in Yakima County. The public library is based on the philosophical premise that the public interest is served by providing tax-supported library service for every one in the community. The Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring the prudent use of the taxpayers' investment. Effective and continuous library service, like other public services, requires the ongoing funding made possibly by taxation or other forms of broad based public support.

## Basis for Determination of Residency

Yakima County Rural Library District, which operates as the Yakima Valley Libraries is a special-purpose district funded primarily through a property tax set by state law and collected only in the unincorporated county and annexed cities and towns. Eligibility to use Yakima Valley Libraries' facilities and services is based on this geographic area and inter-local service agreements with other cities and towns, libraries, and library districts.

## Definition of Residency

The District serves all residents in its jurisdiction or service area as defined above. In addition to those residing in its service area, the following shall also be considered as residents and eligible for use of all District services without payment of a non-resident fee:

1. Persons residing outside the defined service area but owning property within it
2. Active duty military personnel and their dependents who live on a military installation within Yakima County
3. Residents of area included in inter-local agreements with other libraries and library Districts

## Non-Resident Use

The eligible non-resident may use services for which a library card is required through payment of an annual fee entitling everyone residing at the same street address (i.e. house, apartment, or other type of living unity) to resident library privileges at not additional charge. The annual fee is governed by Yakima Valley Libraries Board of Trustees Resolution #03-004.

1. An eligible non-resident is a person residing in a city or town within Yakima County that funds and operates a municipal library or a person residing outside Yakima County;

2. Persons residing in cities and towns with Yakima County that do not fund and operate a municipal library are not eligible for non-resident use and may not obtain a non-resident library card.

#### Limitations to Use

The use of District facilities and/or services may be limited when excessive demands of groups or individuals may curtail services to the general public.

#### Denial of Service

The use of District facilities and/or services may be denied for due cause. Due cause includes, but is not limited to, failure to return library materials or pay associated charges, and violations of the Yakima Valley Libraries Customer Conduct Policy.

#### Procedures

The Director is responsible for establishing administrative procedures necessary to carry out this policy.

#### Authority

The authority for the adoption of this policy is RCW 27.12.180, 27.12.210(1), 27.12.270, and 27.12.280.

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