

I. GENERAL LIBRARY OBJECTIVES

The library objectives of the Edward Chipman Public Library shall be:

- A. To assemble, preserve and administer, in organized collections, books and related educational and recreational material in a safe environment.
- B. To serve the community as a center of reliable information.
- C. To support educational, civic, and cultural activities of groups and organizations.
- D. To provide opportunity and encouragement for children, young people, men and women to educate and enjoy reading materials .
- E. To seek continually to identify community needs and to work towards providing programs of service and enjoyment to meet such needs.

II. WHO MAY USE THE LIBRARY

A. The library will serve all residents of the area included in the Edward Chipman Public Library District except for the areas currently receiving library service from the Sun River Municipal Library and the Pembroke Township Public Library. Persons residing outside of the geographical area but owning property in the library district shall be considered as residents. According to Illinois Law, section 3050.70, the non-resident fee shall not apply to a non-resident who, as an individual or as a partner, principal stockholder, or other joint owner, owns taxable property or is a senior administrative officer of a firm, business, or other corporation owning taxable property within the district, upon presentation of the most recent tax bill upon the taxable property, provided that the privileges and use of the library is extended to only one such non-resident for each parcel of taxable property. Non-residents of the area will be required to pay a fee of \$50 dollars per year for a non-resident library card.

St Anne, Aroma Park and other area communities not covered by a library district, must purchase a non-resident card from the library closest to their residence. The non-resident card will abide by the rules according to RAILS (Reaching Across Illinois Library System) Policy and Procedure. Indiana or out of state residents may not purchase a non resident card.

Complimentary Cards may not be granted to any non taxed personal household.

1. Anyone living within the Edward Chipman Public Library District may be issued a library card. Before a card can be issued, two (2) current forms of ID, with name and address, is required. Persons applying for a card must be in "good standing."
2. Children, 17 years and under, may obtain a library card. A parent/guardian must be present at time of applying, and must sign for the child. The parent/guardian is responsible for all overdue, damaged and lost library property caused by the child.
3. Anyone who abuses the library privileges having their card revoked or suspended, is not in "good standing" with the library.
4. Anyone in "good standing" with a library card at the Edward Chipman Public Library may use his/her card at any library in RAILS, providing that that library does not have a policy stating otherwise.
5. Anyone in "good standing" possessing a card from any member library of the RAILS, may use the ECPL and adhere to the ECBB policy.
6. Non-residents will have library privileges by paying the annual fee recommended for non residence. The fee is calculated annually, according to a formula required by RAILS. The annual Edward Chipman Public Library non-resident library card is currently \$50.00 per household.
7. Computer use is free to patrons of ECPL. All others must pay \$1.00. (See p.8 for Computer and Internet Policies).
8. The use of the fax machine will cost \$1.00 per one side of page to send. We do not receive fax's for public use.
9. The Director reserves the right to deny library privileges to anyone who abuses library policy.
10. The use of the library or its services may be denied for due cause, after review by the Board. Such cause may be failure to return books or pay penalties, destruction of library property, disturbance of other patrons, or other objectionable conduct on library premises.

B. CENSORSHIP-

The Board believes that censorship is a purely individual matter and declares that while individuals are free to reject materials for themselves, they do not have the right to restrict another's freedom to read, hear, or view them. The board believes that it is the responsibility of parents to monitor and supervise their own children's choice of library materials. Individual complaint upon written request, will be reviewed by the Library