

Library Card Types

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Note: Age of Majority. State law states that the age of majority is 18 (*Louisiana Civil Code Tit. I, Art. 29. Age of majority*). Question about emancipated minors is discussed on page. of this document.

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DeSoto Parish Library card has several patron types based on the age of the patron and his/her residency.

ADULT PATRON

An ADULT PATRON is anyone 18 and above. They are able to check out all materials and equipment (*hotspots, etc.*).

NOTE ABOUT YOUNG ADULT AND JUVENILE CARDS

On June 1, 2024 Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana will go into effect. Louisiana Revised Status will require libraries to implement policies to limit access of minors to sexually explicit material. The policy shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

1. A requirement that community standards for the population served by the library be considered when acquiring library material that would be accessible to a minor through donation or purchase.
2. A library card system that requires a minor's parent or guardian to select whether the minor is permitted to check out digital content.
3. A process that allows members of the public to request reconsideration of material they believe is sexually explicit. The material will be reconsidered in an open meeting of the library board, and through a majority vote. If decided the material infringes the law, the material will be restricted from minors.
4. A library card system that allows minor's parent or guardian to select whether the minor is permitted to check out sexually explicit material physically available in the library. In order to facilitate parent or guardian permissions, the following card types will be implemented.

YOUNG ADULT PATRON

A Young Adult Patron is user up to age 17.

Young Adult Restricted

- Cardholders may check out books, audiobooks, music CDs, magazines, or DVDs in the Children's or Young Adult Collection except items cataloged as *JUVENILE RESTRICTED* or *YA RESTRICTED*.

Young Adult Unrestricted

- Cardholders may check out any book, audiobook, music CD, or magazine in the YA and children collection.

JUVENILE PATRON

A Juvenile Patron is user up to age 11.

Juvenile with Restriction

- Cardholders may only check out any book, audiobook, music CD, magazine, or DVD in the juvenile collection except items cataloged as *JUVENILE RESTRICTED*.

Juvenile Unrestricted

- Cardholders may check out any book, audiobook, music CD, or magazine from the juvenile collection.

NON-RESIDENT PATRON:

A NON-RESIDENT PATRON is anyone who lives within 10 miles from the parish and do not meet the above requirements. If they live outside of the 10-mile limit they will be charged \$5 per year per card.

TEMPORARY PATRON:

A TEMPORARY PATRON is anyone who are only in the parish for a short time for work, visitation, etc. One card will be issued per family for a \$15 deposit that will be refunded when all materials have been returned, all fees paid, and the card returned. The refund check will be sent to the individual. This card allows checkout of 5 books, magazines, books on CD or cassette and 4 DVDs or videos at a time.

GREEN GOLD CONSORTIUM PATRON:

A GREEN GOLD CONSORTIUM PATRON is anyone who resides in Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Grant, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster and Winn. The Green Gold Consortium patron is allowed to check out all collection items at any participating Green Gold Library with the exception of ILL requests. ILL requests can only be placed at his/her resident parish library.