

Cards For Kids Cheat Sheet

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Per the Illinois State Library, libraries that issue non-resident cards can provide cards for non-resident children under age 18 at no cost*.

The normal rules for creating non-resident cards apply to Cards for Kids**. See

[RSA User Card Policy](#) and [Nonresident Library Card FAQ](#).

RSA has 4 User Profiles available to create a Cards for Kids account:

Policy Name	Description	Card Expires	Card Fee
C4-KIDS-5	Cards for Kids - 1 year - \$5 block	1 year	\$0.00
C4-KIDS-10	Cards for Kids - 1 year - \$10 block	1 year	\$0.00
C4-KIDS-15	Cards for Kids - 1 year - \$15 block	1 year	\$0.00
C4-KIDS-20	Cards for Kids - 1 year - \$20 block	1 year	\$0.00

These profiles will circulate by your library's default rule. If you would like to add and/or create circulation rules for these profiles, please contact RSA.

Background:

From [Public Library Non-Resident Services FAQ](#) Updated - See item 12 in the [Public Act 102-0843](#).

What is Cards for Kids?

*Once a library has opted to issue non-resident cards, the library board may adopt regulations waiving the nonresident fee for persons under the age of 18.

****What restrictions can a library place on a Cards for Kids non-resident card?**

The library card shall accord the student cardholder all the services the issuing library provides its residents, including reciprocal borrowing. The library card shall be issued in compliance with any policy or guidelines that the public library board has implemented for issuance of cards to minors.

In May 2022, the [Senate Bill](#) expanded the program to all unserved students for libraries that issue non-resident cards.