

## How to Get a Public Library Card



[www.nyc.gov/assets/dycd/downloads/pdf/Library\\_Card\\_doc\\_final.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/assets/dycd/downloads/pdf/Library_Card_doc_final.pdf)

With a public library card, you can borrow books, music, and movies, but you can also access lots of other services the NYC public libraries offer, including continuing education classes, language lessons, career skills workshops, computer and printing services, and Culture Pass (free access to certain museums and cultural institutions). The libraries also offer services specifically for formerly incarcerated individuals.

Anyone who lives, works, attends school, or owns property in NYC is eligible for a public library card.

There are three public library systems within NYC: New York Public Library (Manhattan, Bronx, and Staten Island); Queens Public Library; and Brooklyn Public Library. Each requires its own library card, but you can have more than one library card if you would like.

To get full access to the library's services, you will need identification and proof of address (shelters accepted). If you do not have those, you can still get a library card with more limited benefits.

## New York Public Library (Manhattan/Bronx/Staten Island)

DIGITAL CARD	PHYSICAL CARD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*<b>No</b> ID Required</li><li>*Email Address Required</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*ID Required</li><li>* Must have either cell phone or email address, but do not need both (if you start application in person)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provides immediate access to digital resources (e-books, databases, education resources, etc.)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provides full access to all the library's services</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Apply Online: <a href="http://www.nypl.org/library-card/new">www.nypl.org/library-card/new</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You can start the application online or go directly to a local branch: <a href="http://www.nypl.org/locations">www.nypl.org/locations</a></li><li>If you start the application online, you must still go to a local branch to complete the application</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>When you apply, you'll want to have access to a printer or a safe place to save your username, password, and barcode</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Be sure to bring identification (IDNYC accepted).</li><li>Full list of accepted documents: <a href="http://www.nypl.org/help/library-card/terms-conditions#Eligibility">www.nypl.org/help/library-card/terms-conditions#Eligibility</a></li></ul>



## Services for Formerly Incarcerated People

- “Connections: A Free Guide for Formerly Incarcerated People”: reentry resource guide including contacts for housing, education, financial assistance, and health care available in hard copy or online ([www.nypl.org/community/outreach/jail-prison-services](http://www.nypl.org/community/outreach/jail-prison-services))

### Need Additional Assistance?

Visit [www.nypl.org/get-help/contact-us](http://www.nypl.org/get-help/contact-us) or call 917-275-6875 (TTY: 212-930-0020) Monday-Saturday 10am to 6pm.  
(Assistance available in over 200 languages.) You can also text 917-983-4584.

## Brooklyn Public Library

WELCOME CARD	FULL-ACCESS CARD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>*No</b> ID Required</li><li>• Must have either cell phone or email address, but do not need both.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ID Required</li><li>• Must have either cell phone or email address, but do not need both.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provides instant* access to eBook and audiobook collection, databases, computers and printing, limited physical borrowing (max 3 checkouts).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provides full access to all the library’s services</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Apply Online: <a href="http://www.bklynlibrary.org/card/">www.bklynlibrary.org/card/</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You can start the application online or go directly to a local branch: <a href="http://www.bklynlibrary.org/locations">www.bklynlibrary.org/locations</a></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be sure to <i>share location</i> when prompted so the library can confirm you are in NYC</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be sure to bring identification (IDNYC accepted).</li><li>• Full list of accepted documents: <a href="http://www.bklynlibrary.org/use-the-library/library-cards">www.bklynlibrary.org/use-the-library/library-cards</a></li></ul>

\*We have found that sometimes people do not receive their barcode after registering. If that happens, contact the library to send it to you.

## Services for Formerly Incarcerated People

- Welcome Home: reentry program offering practical and emotional support from other formerly incarcerated people ([www.bklynlibrary.org/outreach/justice-initiatives/reentry-services](http://www.bklynlibrary.org/outreach/justice-initiatives/reentry-services))

### Need Additional Assistance?

Visit [www.bklynlibrary.org/contact](http://www.bklynlibrary.org/contact) or call 718-968-7275 Monday-Thursday 9am to 8pm or Friday & Saturday 9am to 6pm.



# Queens Public Library

eCARD	REGULAR CARD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*<b>No</b> ID Required</li><li>*Email Address Required</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*ID Required</li><li>*Street Address Required</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provides instant access to online resources, some online databases and eJournals, Digital Media and Download, computers and printing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provides full access to all the library's services</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Apply Online: <a href="http://www.queenslibrary.org/get-a-card/eUser">www.queenslibrary.org/get-a-card/eUser</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You can start the application online or go directly to a local branch: <a href="http://www.queenslibrary.org/about-us/locations">www.queenslibrary.org/about-us/locations</a></li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Be sure to bring identification and proof of address (IDNYC accepted if address is current).</li><li>Full list of accepted documents: <a href="http://www.queenslibrary.org/verifying-identity">www.queenslibrary.org/verifying-identity</a></li></ul>

## Services for Formerly Incarcerated People

- Jail, Prison, and Reentry Outreach: provides supportive services, including assistance obtaining an ID, education programs, job preparation resources ([www.queenslibrary.org/programs-activities/community-outreach/Jail-Prison-Outreach](http://www.queenslibrary.org/programs-activities/community-outreach/Jail-Prison-Outreach))

## Need Additional Assistance?

Visit [www.queenslibrary.org/about-us/contact-us](http://www.queenslibrary.org/about-us/contact-us) or call 718-990-0700 from Monday-Thursday 10am to 8pm, Friday 10am to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 5pm, or Sunday 12pm to 5pm.