

6.1 Library Cards

Library cards may be issued at no cost to individuals who reside or own property within Schenectady County or the service areas of the Mohawk Valley, Southern Adirondack or Upper Hudson Library Systems.

Current proof of identity and address must be presented to obtain a library card. For minors who do not have their own current proof of identity and address, an adult caregiver may provide theirs on behalf of the minor.

Types of Library Cards:

1. SCPL card – issued to Schenectady County residents and taxpayers, those employed by Schenectady County, and those living in an unserved area of the Mohawk Valley Library System and provides full access to all SCPL resources.
2. Non-resident card – issued to individuals living outside the service areas of MVLS, SALS and UHLS who pay a non-resident card fee. Provides full access to all SCPL resources.
3. MVLS/SALS card – issued to those who live in the service area of another Mohawk Valley Library System or a Southern Adirondack Library System library and provide the same level of access a card from the individual’s home library would provide.
4. Core card – Schenectady County residents or taxpayers who do not have current proof of address with them may be issued a card that allows limited access to some library services and provides time to bring in proof of eligibility. Upon presentation of current proof of address, these cards will be converted to a SCPL card.
5. E-card – issued to residents of the MVLS/SALS service areas at least 13 years of age and provides temporary, limited access to some library services, primarily digital collections.
6. Agency card – issued to agencies, businesses, organizations and schools located in Schenectady County and provides full access to all SCPL resources.