

WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
A LETTER TO NONRESIDENTS ABOUT SOME LIMITED SERVICES

Dear Nonresident Patron,

The Westchester Public Library serves the resident taxpayers of Westchester Township. If you live and pay taxes outside of the township, the taxes you pay to support library services are collected by another library district and are probably lower than what our residents pay.

In order to foster cooperation, our library has entered into a number of reciprocal borrowing agreements with other library districts which allows us to serve their patrons, such as you. Unfortunately, our library doesn't collect any additional revenue for extending these services and our library provides far more library service than is provided to our taxpayers by other libraries in return.

Because of these economic realities, not all of the services we provide to our residents are available or provided free of charge to our nonresident users. Databases such as Chilton's and downloadable audio books and eBooks from Overdrive are only available to our residents because the licensing fees we pay for these databases are based on the number of people who live in our library district. It is neither feasible nor reasonable to expect us to pay licensing fees for all of the residents of Porter County or for the population of other reciprocal library districts outside the County.

If you need or want access to these services, you may want to inquire at your home library supported by your taxes.

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