

Reciprocal Borrowing Policy

Homer Township Public Library participates in the Illinois statewide reciprocal access and borrowing program, as required by Reaching Across Illinois Library Systems (RAILS) and the Illinois State Library. This allows non-residents access to Library resources, while ensuring residents have similar privileges at other Illinois libraries.

The reciprocal access and borrowing program allows any Library to place reasonable restrictions on resources for non-residents in order to meet the demands of local taxpayers and residents. The Library periodically assesses each of its services and adopts policies, circulation rules, and procedures that extend services to all except in those cases where financial, staffing, space, availability, contractual, or legal requirements justify their limitation to Homer Township residents. The reciprocal access and borrowing program requires that all restrictions must apply equally to all reciprocal borrowers.

Nonresident fee card holders are entitled to the same benefits as Homer Township residents, including priority service.

<https://railslibraries.org/about/rs-plan>