



Onondaga County Public Library Board Policy

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System Library Card Policy

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The Onondaga County Public Library System (OCPL) is one of New York's 23 public library systems. The System consists of a federation of 20 member libraries with a total of 32 library sites located within Onondaga County.

The relationship of the libraries and library card holders within OCPL is spelled out in the Free Direct Access Plan 2012 – 2016 (http://www.onlib.org/web/about/reports/direct_access.pdf). The Free Direct Access Plan is approved by each library board and by the New York State Library and is reviewed periodically.

Some library services require the use of an individual library card. To enable the use of a system-wide integrated library system that includes circulation functions, all System library cards are in a single sequential sequence. The numbers are supplied by OCPL's System Services.

The Free Direct Access Plan does not address libraries and library card holders that are outside of the OCPL System. The Central Library, City Branches and Member libraries jointly or independently will develop procedures for System Library Cards for out-of-system borrowers.