

Our Services for You

Your Library Card

Library cards are provided free of charge to all residents of our district, as part of your tax-supported library services. Your card gives you [borrowing privileges](#) here and at most public libraries in Illinois, access to special online resources, and more.

NON-RESIDENT CARDS: This library is supported by a tax levy through the City of Prophetstown. We are a "city library." If you live outside of the city limits of Prophetstown, but somewhere in the Prophetstown, Lyndon, Tampico school district, then we are very happy to serve you too. However, by state law, to make it fair with the city residents who have had to pay their taxes for the library, the non-resident families are charged \$50 for a yearly membership. This fee is equal to what an average family pays in library taxes.

Non-Resident Students: Non-resident students attending schools of the school district based within the library's service area may purchase a student card for \$10.00 under the stipulation that such card is used only by that student. (Card may not be used by other family members) The cards will be good for one (1) calendar year and do not allow for use of reciprocal borrowing or system privileges as stated in the State Law regulations.

Interlibrary Loan

If you need a book, DVD, or other item that we don't have, [ask us](#) to borrow it from another library for you. [Insert ILL details here].

Computers

We have 5 public workstations on the Internet. You may call the library to see if one of them is available. You are allowed one hour, longer if no one is waiting. Everyone who uses a library computer must follow our [policy regarding computer and Internet use](#).

Photocopiers and Fax Machine

Copies in black and white are 15 cents per page. Copies in color are from 25 - 50 cents, depending on the librarians evaluation of how much color was used.

The fax machine is \$3.00 for the first page and \$1 for each additional page.

Community/Meeting Room

Our meeting room in the lower level holds up to 45 people. It can be reserved for meetings by registering the event with the librarian. The charge is \$15 and the room must be left as it was found. Nonprofits do not pay.

Library Policies

Behavior in the Library

[Insert patron behavior policy here.]

Circulation Policy

Library Material Rental and Use:

All materials are loaned for three (3) weeks unless otherwise indicated and may be renewed once if not overdue.

Fines for overdue or lost materials:

Books:

- 1) Ten (10) cents daily for each overdue book
- 2) Overdue notice will be sent ten (10) days after due date
- 3) Bill for overdue book will be sent twenty-seven (27) days after due date
- 4) Collection notice will be sent forty-five (45) days after due date
- 5) Replacement costs plus \$1.00 will be charged for lost or damaged books.

Procedural action for return of materials past due over forty-five (45) days

- A) A Board authorized form letter will be sent by librarian
- B) If no response from board letter
 - 1) If value of material is at \$50 or above - collection will be turned over to police as per city ordinance
 - 2) If value of material is at less than \$50
 - a) If advisable a visit by board member
 - b) If a board member visit is unsuccessful, collection turned over to police as per city ordinance
- C) If materials are not returned and/or fine paid
 - 1) Patron and immediate family restricted from checking out additional material
 - 2) Librarian will retain record to a limit of seven (7) years
- D) If materials are returned/replaced and fine is paid
 - 1) As a result of board letter - patron in good standing
 - 2) As a result of action past board letter - patron on probationary standing

Circulation Policy

[Insert circulation policy here.]

Computer/Internet Policy

[Insert computer/internet policy here.]

Donations

[Insert donations policy here.]

Unattended Children

[Insert unattended children policy here.]

History of the Library

Henry C. Adams Memorial Library

Henry C. Adams was a native of Prophetstown, a graduate of the high school class of 1888. He attended business college and later worked in a lithograph shop in Chicago. He also attended law school at night. He was admitted to the bar in 1901. He joined a law firm, married a Prophetstown girl, Minnie Warner, and they lived in Chicago for eight years.

Meanwhile, his brother Fred, in Prophetstown, had invented the first self-sharpening reel lawnmower, which he named the Eclipse. Henry decided to return to his hometown and join Fred in the lawnmower business. It became very successful with Fred managing the manufacturing end and Henry handling the office and sales. It grew to the point where Eclipse mowers were sold in every state in the United States. Later, Eclipse was among the first companies producing power mowers. At its high point, the Eclipse Company put a million dollars per year into the Prophetstown economy, employing 370 people.

Henry also had other interests in Prophetstown, serving as the mayor for 12 years, seeing to the construction of the City Hall, and operating the Adams Garage. Unfortunately, at the age of 56, he passed away suddenly from pneumonia.

Henry's wife Minnie, his daughter Florence Adams Roth, and his sons John and Robert, wished to establish a lasting memorial to Henry by presenting Prophetstown with a library bearing his name. The construction began in 1928 and was completed the next year. On May 7, 1929, Mrs. Adams made the presentation to Mayor George S. Brydia on behalf of herself and the family. It was built at a cost of \$40,000. The library would be supported by the city through a yearly tax levy.

Job Openings

Our job openings are posted on the [Prairie Area Library System website](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

[Insert volunteer information here.]

Illinois State Library Services

The Illinois State Library provides you with services directly, through us, and in cooperation with other agencies.

- **Ask?Away Illinois:** Librarians are online 24/7 to answer questions and help you find information.
- **FirstSearch:** (Login required.) Through local libraries, the State Library provides most Illinois residents with access to archives of magazine articles and other research information. See our [Online Library pages](#) for access to specific resources.
- **Talking Book and Braille Service:** Provides audiobooks and Braille texts to residents who are blind, visually handicapped, or have other physical limitations or a reading disability. ([Application Form](#))
- **Find-It! Illinois:** A portal for the State Library's online services, including the Illinois Government Information search engine, Illinois Digital Archives and Digital Illinois collections, Illinois Center for the Book/Illinois Authors, and more.