

Important Information about Bartholomew County Public Library

Where is the library?

The library is at 536 Fifth (5th) Street in downtown Columbus, near the intersection of Lafayette Street and Fifth (5th) Street. The ColumBUS stops at the library once per hour. Check the latest schedule.

What are the library's hours?

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM to 9 PM
Friday-Saturday 8:30 AM to 6 PM
Sunday 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (Open September to April ONLY)

What is the library's phone number?

The main line for the Bartholomew County Public Library is 379-1255.

How do I get a library card?

A child 12 years and younger can get a card by a parent filling out and signing a free application and returning it to the library.

A person 13 to 15 years can get a card by filling out and signing a free application and returning it to the library.

A person 16 years and older can get a card by filling out and signing a free application, showing a form of photo identification (driver's license, national ID, student ID), and returning the form to the library. Your ID does not need to have the same address as your current address.

Are there other requirements for getting a library card?

You must live in Bartholomew County to have a library card at the Bartholomew County Public Library. You must use an actual mailing address because the library card will be mailed.

Does it cost to get a library card? Does it cost to check out books and movies?

It is free to get a library card. It is free to borrow all items from the library. The only reason you would have to pay would be to pay for items that are returned late.

How long can I keep items before I need to return them?

All items check out for 3 weeks, except for entertainment movies. Entertainment movies (video/DVD) check out for 1 week only. If you

keep an item longer than the allowed time period, there will be a penalty.

What are the penalties if I return items late?

For all items other than entertainment movies, the penalty is 10 cents a day, per item.

For entertainment movies, the penalty is 1 dollar per day, per item.

What types of items does the Children's Area of the library have in English?

The Children's Area of the library features picture books, easy reading books, board books, lift-the-flap books, music CDs, books on CD, videos, computer games, DVDs, magazines, fiction, non-fiction, and books in Spanish.

What types of items does the Children's Area of the library have in Spanish?

Picture books, easy reading fiction books, easy reading non-fiction books, non-fiction books, and fiction books.

What types of items does the library have for teens and adults in English?

Fiction books, non-fiction books, teen non-fiction books, DVDs and videos, teen fiction books, magazines, compact discs, books on CD, and newspapers.

What types of items does the library have for teens and adults in Spanish?

Non-fiction and fiction books, videos and DVDs, and Latino music CDs.

What programs does the library offer for children?

The library offers regularly offers story-times for children and computer classes for children. In addition, the library has several "clubs" of interest to boys and girls in upper elementary school. Call the Children's Area for more information at 379-1288.

What programs does the library offer for adults?

The library offers computer classes for adults. The library also regularly has its Distinguished Speakers series where notable people give one hour speeches. The library also features programs where people from the community teach a class on a special interest (crafts, food, electronics, pets, etc.)

Does the library have computers for the public?

Yes. The library has computers for adults and for children, to be used for internet, printing, and other computer activities. The library also is connected to a wireless computer network.