Service Area and Residency

SOCPLS serves all residents of the city of Starkville, towns of Sturgis and Maben, and Oktibbeha County. Residency is determined by physical address of residence and tax record. A patron from outside of Oktibbeha County seeking to get a library card with SOCPLS may get an out-of-county card for a fee.

Library Card Policies

Library Card Registration

In order to checkout materials and use some library services, individuals must apply for a library card with SOCPLS. The documents required at the time of library card registration are:

- A government-issued ID
  - Social Security Card, Driver's License or state issued ID, Military ID
- Proof of Residence
  - Current utility statement, checkbook with name/address, current tax receipt

An individual must be at least 5 years old in order to apply for a library card. Children age 5-17 must have a parent or legal guardian present the above required documentation.

If a patron has lost a card a replacement may be obtained for a fee.

Library Card Use

By obtaining a library card the patron agrees to accept responsibility for library materials checked out to the patron's account and agrees to abide by SOCPLS' *Expectations of Conduct for Library Patrons* found later in this section.

In order to check out materials a patron must present their library card or picture identification at time of checkout. If a patron wishes a family member or friend to conduct library business on his or her behalf, the family member or friend must have that patron's library card in order to do so. Possession of a library card is understood as permission to use the card unless that card has been reported lost or stolen to SOCPLS.

Restrictions

SOCPLS reserves the right to deny or limit its usage and/or services to groups or individuals who make excessive demands on library resources and staff. SOCPLS further reserves the right to limit the number of items checked out by one person at any given time including items in heavily used subject areas.

Patrons with unpaid fees cannot check out materials or use public access computers until the balance is paid in full or arrangements to do so are made with the library system.