

Chapter 2 Access to Services

2.1 Hours of Operation

The Plattsmouth Public Library is open the following hours:

Sunday	12:00 noon – 4:00 pm
Monday-Thursday	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Exceptions to these days include holidays observed by the City of Plattsmouth. Occasionally, staff training, library automation upgrades, inclement weather, or pandemics may require the closing of the library. The Library Director will discuss all closings with the City Administrator. The Library Director may also open or close the library for additional hours for special events or emergencies. Any changes in the regular schedule will be made public in a timely manner.

2.2 Who May Use the Library

The Plattsmouth Public Library is committed to providing free and equitable access to materials and to providing lending privileges to community members.

The library serves the residents of the City of Plattsmouth at no charge except to recover costs of materials such as copying charges and replacement library cards.

Residents living outside the Plattsmouth city limits may use the library's materials within the facility without charge. An annual fee of \$30 is paid to the library to be allowed to check materials out.

A Plattsmouth Library card is not required to attend library programs, use the auditorium, use the wifi, or use equipment such as a computer, the copier, the laser cutter, heat press, and other makerspace equipment.

To encourage children to read, the library offers a summer reading program card to children living outside the Plattsmouth city limits. This card allows children to check out a limited number of items for June through August for \$10. This card is to be used by the child only, not by other members of the family.

Within the library, the use of every collection is free to all. Service will not be denied or abridged because of gender or age; religious, racial, social, economic, or political status; mental, emotional, or physical condition; or sexual orientation. Responsibility for the reading of minors rests with their parents or legal guardians. The library staff will not withhold library materials from any patrons because of age.

2.3 Americans with Disabilities Act

The library strives to provide equal access to employment opportunities and to library facilities, activities, and programs in adherence to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. The library does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its library programs and services. The library will take appropriate steps to ensure that communications with job applicants, library customers, and members of the public with disabilities are as effective as communications with others.

Every effort will be made to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities. Individuals with service animals (any breed of dog or certain miniature horses trained as service animals, but not emotional support animals, as defined by ADA) are welcome in areas where pets and animals are not normally permitted. Library materials are provided in various formats to the extent possible to assist in using library resources.

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