



Answers to Frequently Asked Questions About Hyde Park Residents' Use of the North Logan Library

This information sheet is intended to answer the many frequently asked questions that have come up as we approach the date when non-North Logan residents' full access to the North Logan Library will end.

Q. Historically, what has provided Hyde Park residents with access to the North Logan Library up to this point?

A. When Hyde Park was invited in 2000 to join with North Logan and put together a combined library, Hyde Park residents turned down that opportunity through a vote June 27, 2000. Shortly after that, Dell Loy Hansen, after negotiations with North Logan City, proposed a "challenge grant" to the two communities. This grant had the following provisions: 1) Hyde Park had to provide a one-time \$70,000 donation to the library (intended to be \$100 per child for an estimated 700 children); 2) property valued at about \$1,000,000 would be donated by Mr. Hansen and put into an endowment (the James P. Thorne Endowment); 3) the annual proceeds from the endowment (originally estimated to produce about \$44,000 to \$60,000 per year) would to be given each year to North Logan City through the Friends of the North Logan Library; 4) the North Logan City Council, through the regular city budget process, would have full discretion on the use of the funds as long as the funds were used to supplement the library's revenue; 5) the children of Hyde Park would have full use of the library for ten years; 6) after ten years the proceeds would continue to go to North Logan City to help support the library but there would be no obligation for North Logan to continue to allow Hyde Park residents full access to the library; 7) for an additional \$10,000 per year paid to the library from the coffers of Hyde Park City, the rest of the residents, i.e. the adults, would also be allowed to use the library. In 2003, after Hyde Park City would not commit to the \$10,000 per year, it was agreed that Hyde Park residents could donate towards the \$10,000 and Mr. Hansen agreed that if the annual expected \$10,000 amount was not met in full, he and his wife would add funds to make up the difference. In those ten years, the funds that were supposed to come from Hyde Park (either from the city or from donations) have never reached the \$10,000 mark and the Thorne Endowment has since been increased to make up the difference each year.

Q. Will Hyde Park residents or other non-North Logan residents be able to purchase library cards for a fee?

A. The North Logan City Council has made no decision on this.

Q. Will Hyde Park residents still be able to use the library after 30 June, 2011?

A. The library is open to all, regardless of residency, however, check-out privileges, will only be available to those who have library cards and those will be only North Logan City residents and those who pay property taxes in North Logan. Policies to access other library resources or special programs such as the computers or story time are set by the Library Board, and may change from time to time.



Q. If someone is not a resident of North Logan but owns land in North Logan and therefore pays the dedicated library property tax, can they get a library card?

A. The current library policy does allow library cards for owners of property in North Logan who pay the dedicated library property tax. Additionally, renters living in North Logan, even though they do not directly pay property tax in North Logan do get library cards.

Q. Would the North Logan City Council be willing to enter into an agreement with Hyde Park that would allow them to continue to use the library?

A. The North Logan City Council has offered to the Hyde Park City Council on several occasions the opportunity to produce a plan whereby Hyde Park would share fairly in the cost of the library. The North Logan City Council has expressed their willingness to consider a variety of options that would allow others to use the library as long as doing so would be fair to those who currently pay for the library, namely North Logan residents and taxpayers.

Q. Would a county-wide library system guarantee Hyde Park residents' full use of the North Logan Library?

A. The Cache County Council can establish a county-wide tax to provide library services to any community that does not currently have their own library. The results of the November 2010 opinion gathering vote will help the County Council decide if and where they want to establish such a tax and the associated library system. North Logan City, because they already have a dedicated library tax, cannot be forced into the system, but North Logan can choose to join the county-wide system or not. There are several different ways by which North Logan could become a part of a county-wide library system. If North Logan did so, and Hyde Park was part of that system, then Hyde Park residents would again have use of the library. It will be the North Logan City Council that makes that call to have the North Logan Library part of any county-wide library system.

Q. What can Hyde Park residents do to keep their current library privileges in the North Logan Library?

A. The best thing that Hyde Park residents can do is to make sure their city officials, specifically the Mayor and City Council, know their desire to have such privileges.

Q. As a point of reference, what does a typical North Logan family now pay for library services?

A. North Logan's current property tax rate for the dedicated library tax is 0.000746. To compute a tax amount for one's home, you would multiply that rate times 55% and that times the assessed value of the home. (Our primary residence gets a 45% reduction in taxable value – hence the 55% multiplier.) For example, if the assessed value of a home is \$300,000 the annual dedicated library tax would be \$123 ($\$300,000 * 0.55 * 0.000746$).