

Transient Housing Policy

Rusk County Community Library strongly believes and upholds policies that are inclusive, equitable and provide access to resources by all members of the community. To that end, RCCL does extend temporary borrowing privileges for those living in transient housing located within Rusk County. “Transient housing” is conceptualized in this policy as a short-term stay—typically in a shelter or other transitional housing facilities—usually more than one month but less than one year.

A temporary card designation allows the card holder to borrow two items at a time per card and is valid for a three-month period. A temporary card can only maintain this status for up to one year. Temporary card holders are still held accountable to all Library policies that regular card holders are held accountable

When a patron’s temporary card status is up for renewal, it will be re-assessed as to whether the card holder is still a resident of local transient housing or is now able to have their card moved to a more permanent status. Regular card status will then be allowed with a valid proof of address and approval by Library staff.

A change of temporary card status to regular card status will allow the cardholder to have increased access to borrowing of physical materials and will have to renew their card less frequently (one time per year) but will still be obliged to follow all Library policies as written and approved by the Library Board of Trustees.

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