

Check it Out Column for week of March 14-21

## Get the Card That Opens doors to the World

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"We may sit in our library and yet be in all quarters of the earth," says John Lubbock, and with the advances in media we can view that world through books, movies, cds, and computer programs, too. Wouldn't it be great if you could take these library items home with you to peruse later? That is what having a library card allows you to do!

Of course, everything requires paperwork, and the proper documentation, but compared to renewing your driver's license, getting a library card is easy, and there are different types of cards patrons can get, depending on their age and address.

Warsaw Community Public Library is a township library that is funded by the property taxes paid to Wayne Township. If you own property in Wayne Township, or pay rent to someone who does (includes all apartments, trailer parks, and dormitories) you can get a card by showing your photo ID and proof of address. If your current address is printed on your ID that can serve as your "proof" and if you have moved recently, all we need to see is a piece of mail or check stub.

But what if you live in Warsaw but outside of Wayne Township? That's possible, as Warsaw has three townships, and we have options for you too! If you are a student attending a Warsaw Community School or the Alternative Learning Center, you can show your student ID, or bring a letter from your school stating that you attend that school to get a card. (Anyone under 18 will also need to bring a parent to sign for them). If you need to use the Internet, bring in your photo ID and we'll make you an Internet card.

There are also cards that can be purchased. If you don't live in Wayne township, or have children in school, and still want a card, just bring your photo ID. This ID will allow you to buy a 4-month card (\$25) or a full-year card (\$75). Seventy-five dollars may seem pricey, but students and seniors do get a half rate (12.50/37.50) and even at full price, that's only \$1.25 a week. You can also purchase a PLAC card for \$30 if you have a card at your home library.

As you can see, there're lots of possibilities. Visit the Warsaw Library today to get started!