



January, 2022

Dear SJCPCL Card Holder:

Over the years, the Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library has had the privilege of serving not only our Mishawaka community, but also many living in the South Bend area. This has been possible at no cost to you through a reciprocal agreement between MPHPL and the St. Joe County Public Library that supported no charge to either side.

In January of 2022, SJCPCL established an annual charge of \$50 to our Mishawaka patrons. In the spirit of true reciprocity, our Board responded by implementing the same charge to SJCPCL patrons who wish to use our services. This decision was made to maintain equity for our taxpayers, who will now pay for an SJCPCL card. This new charge will work as follows:

Who? Individuals residing in SJCPCL's tax-supported service area

What? \$50 annual fee for an MPHPL reciprocal library card

- All print and digital materials are available for check-out (except as noted below)
- Exceptions: Hoopla and Interlibrary Loan requests

When? (1) New card applicants: Immediately (2) Existing card holders: June 1, 2022

We realize that not everyone can or will pay the \$50. Will you still be allowed to use our computers? Yes! You will be able to obtain a Computer-Use-Only card that will give you free access to computers as well as to study rooms. Can you still attend our programs? Absolutely!

Our hope for our SJCPCL patrons is that, in spite of an annual fee, we will see you often. We value all fellow lovers of public libraries and look forward to your continued patronage at MPHPL.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 574-259-5277.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Meeks".

Donna Meeks
Director