

## **Chenoa Library and Non-Resident Fees: We Charge What the State Tells Us to Charge**

Illinois Library Laws dictate what Chenoa Library must charge for non-resident cards. Non-residents are people not living in Chenoa Township. Each year the library calculates non-resident fees using the general mathematical formula prescribed by the Illinois Administrative Code Rule 3050.60: To determine the minimum non-resident fee, a local library should divide the library income from local property tax sources or its equivalent by the local population to determine the cost of service per capita. "The library should multiply the per capita figure by the average number of persons per household in the community to obtain the average cost per household on which to base a fee for a family card. The most recent federal census information available shall be used in determining population and household size."

Last year Chenoa Library's non-resident fee was \$94.57 per family. This year our non-resident fee will be \$95.10. This year's fee is based on local government receipts of \$79,519, a population of 2,074 and an average household size of 2.48. The population and household size is based on the 2010 Census.