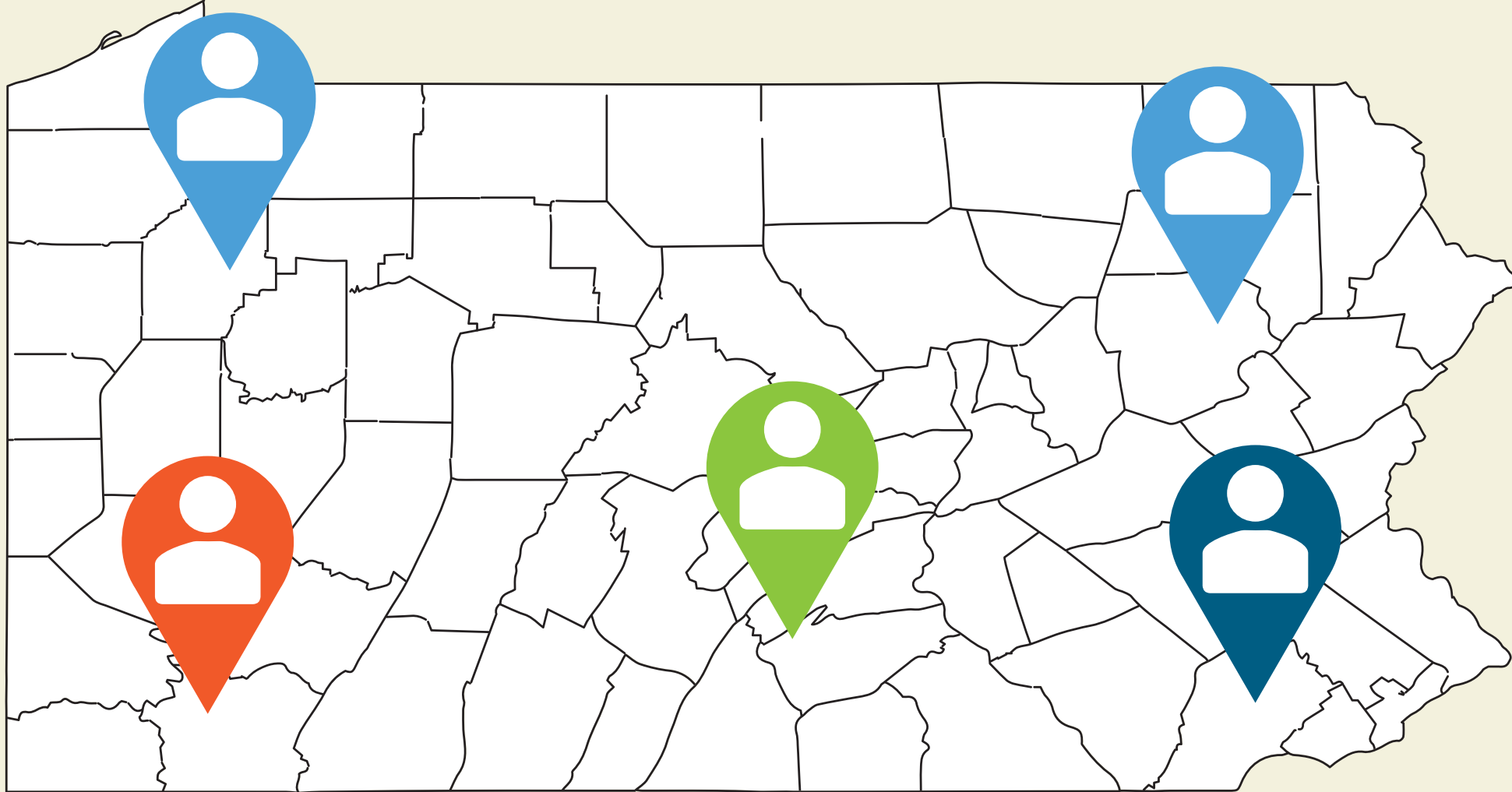




# IMPORTANT UPDATE TO THE BORROWING POLICY

Beginning January 1, 2020, the library will be updating its countywide borrowing policy to expand access for out-of-county Pennsylvania residents. This change will guarantee any person who lives in the state of Pennsylvania the ability to access physical materials from any Berks County Public Library.



PROVIDING ACCESS TO  
**13,002,700**  
PENNSYLVANIA RESIDENTS\*

\*Number of Pennsylvania residents referenced from the April 1, 2020 Census data.  
<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/PA/PST045223>

As a result of the update to the borrowing policy, current out-of-county residents who use a Berks County Public Libraries card may see some changes to their digital services. Please ask a library staff member if you have questions.

## Full-Service Library Card



LIVE IN BERKS



WORK IN BERKS



LEARN IN BERKS

All Berks County residents and those who work or learn in Berks County can obtain a Adult/Juvenile three-year (full service) library card and receive access to all library materials and services provided by Berks County Public Libraries. This includes the following resources:

### ✓ Physical Materials

Full-service library cardholders can access and borrow physical materials including but not limited to books, DVDs, CDs, audiobook dics, museum passes, etc.

### ✓ Digital Media Services

Full-service library cardholders can access countywide digital services and any specialty resources provided by their registered library. This includes Libby/OverDrive and other online databases.

### ✓ Inter-Library Loan (ILL)

Full-service library cardholders may request materials available from other libraries outside of Berks County. Certain restrictions may apply. Please speak to a library staff member for more information.

## Limited-Service Library Card



All Pennsylvania residents may now register for a Adult/Juvenile one-year (limited service) library card for **FREE** at any Berks County Public Libraries location. Limited-service cards allow cardholders to borrow physical materials from any library but do not allow access to digital media or inter-library loan services.

### ✓ Physical Materials

Limited-service library cardholders can access and borrow physical materials including but not limited to books, DVDs, CDs, audiobook dics, museum passes, etc. Non-standard item loan periods, including loans from the Library of Things collection, are set by owning libraries. Some limitations may apply.

### ✗ Digital Media Services

Limited-service library cardholders will not be able to access digital services provided by any Berks County Public Library. This includes Libby/OverDrive and other online databases.

### ✗ Inter-Library Loan (ILL)

Limited-service library cardholders will not be able to utilize the inter-library loan service to request materials from other libraries outside of Berks County.

## WHY? CHANGE

Nearly **9%** of current Berks County library patrons live outside of the county. The previous policy restricted who could receive free access, so we're expanding borrowing privileges to **ALL PENNSYLVANIA RESIDENTS** for physical materials, ensuring our resources are freely accessible to more people.

