



Chattanooga

Public Library

INTRODUCING THE

# SMART START INITIATIVE



The Chattanooga Public Library is committed to fostering education and literacy with life-changing resources for children and families throughout Chattanooga. Starting January 2025, we're supporting this mission in two big ways for you and your kids:

## FINE-FREE YOUTH MATERIALS

All youth materials, including Board Books, Easy, Vox, Juvenile, and Young Adult titles, will no longer accrue overdue fines. Any previously accrued fines on returned youth materials are in the process of being removed from your account(s).

**Special Amnesty Period:** Now through February 28, 2025, if you return any overdue youth items, fines will be forgiven upon return, regardless of how long items have been checked out. Just return the materials in an undamaged state, and the fines will be removed, no questions asked.

## NO-COST CARDS FOR AGES 0-5

All youth library cards are now free to children ages 0-5 who reside within Hamilton County, regardless of city residency or school enrollment. To get a card, parents/guardians can stop by any library location to apply in person. The child applicant must be present during the application process, and the parent or guardian will need to show proof of I.D.

After pre-K, kids in Hamilton County can still enjoy free library access through our HCDE Library Card program.

***If you have any question about the Start Smart Initiative, please send us an email at [contact@chattlibrary.org](mailto:contact@chattlibrary.org)***



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