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Burleson Public Library cards are now being issued at two local banks. The library has partnered with Community Bank and First National Bank of Burleson in a special pilot program for those who are new to the community.

“One of the first places a new business owner or resident goes when they move to a community is the bank to set up a local account,” Marc Marchand, director of library services, said. “Burleson is a community that works together, and this a great way to show that while saying ‘welcome to the neighborhood.’”

Library cards are free to those who live in or own property within the city limits of Burleson. Currently, to apply for a library card, you fill out an application then bring your completed application and a photo ID to the library. If the address on your license or ID is not correct because you haven’t updated it yet, you have to show another form of proof of address – printed personal check, utility bill, first class mail, vehicle insurance, vehicle registration, lease agreement or pay stub.

Now that the library has formed a partnership with the banks, the form is filled out at the bank, and the bank sends the form to the library. The pilot program will run for the next several months to evaluate its effectiveness. If it is successful, other banks in the community will be invited to participate.

“This is exciting for us to collaborate with the library,” said Jared Treesh, assistant vice president at Community Bank. “The library is a great resource for our customers and our business community.”

Patsy Dumas, senior vice president at First National Bank of Burleson, agrees.

“We believe in community and helping people achieve their goals,” she said. “With a library card, our customers have access to amazing print and digital resources and librarians who can teach people how to use them. From Story Times and after school activities for teens to small business programs and lifelong learning for adults, there’s something for everyone at our library. Wherever you want to go in life, your banker and librarian can help you get there.” For more information, please contact the Burleson Public Library at 817-426-9207. The library is located at 248 S.W. Johnson Ave.