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Attention, taxpayers: No more IRS tax booklets at libraries for free pickup, but reference and online copies available

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Like libraries around the country, the Tulsa City-County Library won't be carrying copies of tax instruction booklets this year.

But taxpayers still will be able to pick up tax forms such as 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ.

"With our ongoing budget issues, we're continuing to look for ways to provide effective services to taxpayers while doing everything we can to reduce costs," said Lea Crusberg, with IRS media relations for Oklahoma. "Over 91 percent of taxpayers use software to prepare their federal return. So we reduced our printing this year."

Previously, many forms and publications either weren't picked up or they were discarded at taxpayer assistance centers. But the IRS will continue to provide certain tax forms at local taxpayer assistance centers and libraries, Crusberg said.

Taxpayers also can access the booklets online at irs.gov or by calling 1-800-829-3676.

The Tulsa City-County Library has made in-house reference copies of the instruction booklet, which is about 70 pages, that will be available at copiers within the libraries, said Jessica Reed, research center manger with Tulsa City-County Library.

Copies are 10 cents a page. They also can view the booklets online from the libraries' computers and print them out for the same cost.

A few years ago, the Oklahoma Tax Commission stopped providing instruction booklets or state tax forms for libraries and promoted everything online, Reed said.

The Tulsa City-County Library also provides tax forms and information about free tax help through its website at guides.tulsalibrary.org/taxes.



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