Sharon Public Library   Effective Date: 7-20-2016
Library Card Policy

Library cards are issued free of charge to any Sharon resident or any resident of Massachusetts with proper identification from their state certified local library.
Residents of towns participating in the Old Colony Library Network may acquire a card at their hometown library or be issued a Sharon card. However, patrons should be aware that this may result in restrictions on certain benefits. For example, a Canton resident with a Sharon library card cannot borrow a museum pass from either library.

 All library cards are issued at the main circulation desk. Current identification and proof of address are required. Typically, adults are asked for a driver's license, but other forms of identification may be acceptable. Call the Library's Circulation Department at (781)784-1578 x 21 to inquire.

Children 3 years of age and older are issued cards from the main circulation desk. Anyone under of the age of 18 must have a legal guardian present with proper proof of identity to register for a card. Grandparents may register a grandchild for a library card, with proper proof of identification, as long as the grandparent signs to accept responsibility for the child's account.

A Sharon Public Library card may be used to borrow from other Old Colony Library Network libraries.

To protect individual privacy, it is strongly recommended that all library users present a valid library card each time they wish to borrow materials. Should adult library users forget to bring their library cards, they may present a government issued photo ID in lieu of the card. Smartphone apps with card images are acceptable alternatives to physical cards. Other forms of identification are acceptable at the discretion of a library supervisor. Children under 18 must present a library card in order to borrow materials.

If a card is lost or stolen, notify the Library's Circulation Department immediately to prevent unauthorized borrowing.

Lost cards are replaced at a charge of $1.00.