



**LENDING TO DECERTIFIED LIBRARIES POLICY**

As a participant in the State Aid to Public Libraries Program administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Sharon Public Library must comply with requirements for use of its collection specified in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 78, Section 19A B and further defined in the Code of Massachusetts Regulations (605 CMR 4.00).

The Sharon Public Library extends reciprocal borrowing privileges to residents of the Commonwealth who reside in communities that offer state-certified library services. The Sharon Public Library will discontinue both borrowing privileges and interlibrary loans to residents of communities that do not have certified public libraries, except when a library is not certified because of conditions beyond the community's control, such as fire, natural disaster, or other extenuating circumstances as determined by the Board of Library Trustees. The Library Director will notify the Board annually of libraries that are not certified.

The Sharon Public Library continues to extend access to its materials for use within the Library by all Massachusetts residents as required by 605 CMR 4.01(I), which states that all residents of the Commonwealth shall have access to its reading and reference rooms under the same conditions as Sharon residents.

Whenever the Board of Library Trustees votes to implement this policy, it will notify the affected community's Board of Library Trustees and its Select Board, City Council, Mayor, or Town Manager.

The Board of Library Trustees will reinstate borrowing and interlibrary loan privileges for all affected borrowers immediately for all affected borrowers immediately once that library has been recertified.

If a community is interested in contracting for library services from the Sharon Public Library, the Board of Library Trustees will consider such a request.

<b>POLICY/PROCEDURE:</b> Non-Resident Use Policy		<b>GOVERNANCE:</b> Board of Library Trustees
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