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## **Library Card Policy**

## Requirements for Obtaining a Library Card

Anyone can obtain a library card free of charge. Patrons are welcome to apply for a library card at the library's circulation desk or online. If you apply online, you will be required to come into the library within 180 days to receive the physical card or the card will expire.

All library card applications require a picture ID showing your name and proof of current address. If your photo ID does not have your current address, you can bring in a piece of recent mail with your name and address on it.

Children under the age of 14 must apply with a parent or guardian. 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.

If you have any questions or concerns about getting a library card, call the Library's Circulation Department at (781)784-1578 x 1420.

## **Additional Information**

To protect individual privacy, it is strongly recommended that all library users present a valid library card each time they wish to borrow materials. You may either present your physical card, or a digital version on your smartphone using the Sharon Public Library Mobile App or apps like "StoCard". In the event you do not have your card on you, you may present a photo ID.

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

Sharon Public Library is part of the OCLN Network; therefore, a Sharon Public Library card may be used to borrow from other Old Colony Library Network libraries.

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.