

Seekonk Public Library

Reciprocal Borrowing Privileges Policy

The Seekonk Public Library extends reciprocal borrowing privileges to the residents of the Commonwealth who reside in towns that support public libraries that meet standards in accordance with the State's Minimum Standard for Public Library Service (Massachusetts General Laws, C.78, Section 19B 1 & 6)

These privileges are extended with the understanding that each city or town will make a reasonable effort to provide adequate library services for its residents. Such reciprocity is not possible when a library fails to provide adequate services or reduces its hours below a reasonable level for the size of the community it serves.

It is therefore the policy of the Seekonk Public Library to discontinue borrowing privileges to residents of communities that reduce library service or the hours of service below a reasonable level for a community of its size as determined by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

The Library Board of Trustees, Library Director, and the municipal officials of the affected community will be notified in writing by the Seekonk Board of Library Trustees when reciprocal borrowing privileges have been terminated.

The Seekonk Board of Library Trustees agrees to provide reinstatement of borrowing privileges to all affected borrowers once a library is recertified.

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