

SERVICE TO NON-RESIDENTS POLICY

The Flint Public Library welcomes residents of all municipalities. It extends reciprocal borrowing privileges to residents of all communities meeting minimum standards for certified libraries, as established by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) (MGL, Ch. 78, Sec. 19B) to “be open to residents of the Commonwealth...and lend books to other libraries in the Commonwealth and extend privileges to holders of library cards issued by other public libraries in the Commonwealth on a reciprocal basis.”

Should any library not gain certification from or become decertified by the MBLC, the Flint Public Library will provide access to resources within the building but will not extend borrowing privileges to residents of the affected municipality, either directly or indirectly by inter-library loan. Such loans would strain the resources provided by the Town of Middleton for its own citizens while subsidizing a community unwilling or unable to support its local public library. Certified libraries are not required to loan materials to residents of communities with decertified libraries.

A copy of this policy will be forwarded to any affected library, and a copy will be posted in the Flint Public Library. The Board of Library Trustees agrees that borrowing privileges will be reinstated when a library has been recertified by the MBLC.

Any public library that has received a waiver from the MBLC is considered certified. Residents of those communities will be allowed full borrowing privileges.