



## RECIPROCAL BORROWING PRIVILEGES POLICY

In accordance with the State's Minimum Standard for Public Library Service (Massachusetts General Laws, Ch. 78, Section 19B 1 & 6), the East Longmeadow Public Library extends reciprocal borrowing privileges to the residents of the Commonwealth who reside in towns who also meet the standards.

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

The only exception to this policy shall be that residents of a community whose public library has been decertified, who submit written proof that they are East Longmeadow taxpayers, shall retain full borrowing privileges at the East Longmeadow Public Library.

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

The East Longmeadow Public Library Board of Trustees agrees to reinstate borrowing privileges to all affected borrowers once a library is re-certified.

The "Reciprocal Borrowing Privileges" Policy is subject to review and amendment by the Board of Library Trustees

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