



Lending to Decertified Libraries Policy

Pembroke Public Library

General Principles and Purpose

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

User Responsibility and Use Restrictions

Pembroke Public Library extends reciprocal borrowing privileges to residents of the Commonwealth, including students, who reside in communities that offer state certified library services.

It is the policy of Pembroke Public Library to discontinue borrowing privileges to residents of communities without certified public libraries and to discontinue interlibrary loans to such libraries, except when a library is not certified because of conditions beyond the community's control such as fire or natural disaster. Residents of a community whose public library has been decertified, who submit written proof that they are Pembroke taxpayers, shall also retain full borrowing privileges at the Pembroke Public Library.

Pembroke Public Library continues to extend access to its materials and resources for use in the library by all Massachusetts residents as required by 605 CMR 4.01(l), which states that all residents of the Commonwealth shall have access to its reading and reference rooms under the same conditions as residents of the community.

Public libraries that receive waivers from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners are considered certified. Residents of communities where the library has received a waiver or are in the process of receiving a waiver will be allowed to borrow materials from the Pembroke Public Library.

The Pembroke Public Library will provide immediate reinstatement of borrowing and interlibrary loan privileges to all affected borrowers once a library is recertified.

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