



# Woburn Public Library

## Services to Uncertified Libraries Policy

In accordance with the State's Minimum Standards for Public Library Service (Mass. General Laws, Ch. 78, §19B(1) & (6)), the Woburn Public Library extends reciprocal borrowing privileges to residents of Massachusetts communities that also meet these minimum standards. Reciprocity becomes impossible when a library ceases to provide services or reduces its hours below a reasonable level for the community it serves.

The Woburn Public Library affirms the importance of all public libraries maintaining at least the minimum standards required for certification by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC).

Therefore, it is the policy of the Woburn Public Library to discontinue borrowing privileges for residents of communities whose libraries are not certified, and to suspend interlibrary loan service to those libraries. Exceptions will be made when a library's loss of certification is due to circumstances beyond the community's control, such as fire or natural disaster.

The Woburn Public Library will continue to provide in-library use of its materials to all Massachusetts residents, as required by 605 CMR 4.01(1), which mandates that every resident of the Commonwealth shall have access to a library's reading and reference rooms under the same conditions as local residents.

Borrowing and interlibrary loan privileges will be reinstated immediately for affected patrons once their home library regains certification.

Approved by the Woburn Public Library Board of Trustees on December 9, 2025.