

## **Non-Resident Use**

As a participant in the State Aid to Public Libraries Program administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, Lanesborough 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).

Lanesborough 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 the 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.

There is one exception to this policy: Despite its "non-certified" status, the Lanesborough Public Library will lend to residents of New Ashford, Massachusetts. This decision is based on the fact that New Ashford and Lanesborough are neighboring communities which share a zip code and school district.

Lanesborough Public Library continues to extend access to its materials for use in the library by all Massachusetts residents as required by 605 CMR 4.01(I), 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. " Residents of communities with decertified libraries or visitors to the area are therefore welcome to use LanesboroughPublic Library resources within the library building.

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

Out of state visitors will not be issued a library card.

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