

Non-Resident Policies

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Lakeland's member libraries participating in the shared online system are making a significant investment of their taxpayers' money in the development of a first-rate library system. In fairness to the taxpayers who fund the system, provision must be made to ensure that everyone using the system is contributing equitably to its operating costs.

Toward that end, it is the policy of the Lakeland Library Cooperative Board that Non-Residents be given access to the resources of Lakeland's member libraries in accordance with the following rules and regulations, and that all Lakeland members shall enforce these rules and regulations in a complete and consistent manner.

NR 1.0 Definitions

- 1.1 Participating Library. A Lakeland member library participating in the shared online system or a stand-alone online system that provides for resource sharing, access to their catalog, checkout and placing holds.
- 1.2 Legal Service Area/Contract Service Area. The boundaries recognized by the Library of Michigan as comprising the service area for a given library.
- 1.3 Non-Resident. Anyone living outside the legal or contract service area of a participating library. (Exception: Any member library may recognize someone as a resident if they own property within the legal or contract service area of that library.)

NR 2.0 Non-Resident Cards

- 2.1 Each Participating Library may make available to non-residents, per its own local policy, a card restricted to use only at that library.
- 2.2 Each Participating Library may set its own fee for non-resident card, with the proceeds from such fee being retained by that library.
- 2.3 Each non-resident registered for a non-resident card may be allowed to place holds at a participating library.
- 2.4 Non-residents may obtain cards at as many participating libraries as they wish, paying applicable fees at each library. Each non-resident, however, shall have only a single patron record in the shared online system. Libraries at which the non-resident has borrowing privileges will be noted on the back of the patron's card.

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- 2.5 Responsibility for materials borrowed using a non-resident card rests with the library at which the materials are checked out.
- 2.6 Each non-resident card will expire on December 31 of the year it is issued. Participating libraries will decide whether or not to pro-rate any fees collected for cards issued throughout the year.

NR 3.0 Effective Date

- 4.1 This policy will be fully implemented by -1/1/2009.
- 4.2 Lakeland will formulate appropriate procedures to implement this policy, and will disseminate these procedures to all participating libraries.