

Lending to Residents of Municipalities with Decertified Libraries

Service to library patrons is strengthened through the cooperative sharing of resources among Massachusetts libraries. This system depends on each library meeting minimum standards for collection development, staffing, and hours of operation, as defined by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

As a participant in this statewide network, the Peabody Institute Library provides borrowing privileges and services to residents of communities whose libraries are certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Borrowing privileges are not available to residents of communities whose libraries are not certified. These restrictions remain in effect for the duration of non-compliance. Full borrowing privileges will be restored upon written notification from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners confirming that the community has met the minimum certification standards.

The Peabody Institute Library remains open to all visitors. Access to library buildings, public spaces, and in-library services are available to all Massachusetts residents, regardless of their home library's certification status.

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