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In accordance with the Commonwealth's Minimum Standard for Public Library Service (Massachusetts General Laws, Part I, Title XII, Chapter 78, Section 19B 1 & 6), <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXII/Chapter78/Section19B> the Forbush Memorial Library extends reciprocal borrowing privileges to the residents of the Commonwealth who reside in towns or cities that also meet the standards.

Such reciprocity is not possible when a library ceases to provide services or reduces its hours below a reasonable level for the size of the community it serves.

It is therefore the policy of the Forbush Memorial Library to discontinue borrowing privileges (including that of interlibrary loans) to residents of communities that terminate library service or reduce hours of opening to below a reasonable level for the size of that community as determined by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, except when such action is taken for a cause beyond the community's control such as flood, fire, or other natural causes.

Borrowing privileges will be denied immediately upon notification from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners that a community's library has been decertified. The Library Board of Trustees, the Select Board, or City Council from the affected community will be notified in writing by the Forbush Board of Trustees or the Library Director whenever the Board votes to implement the above policy.

Borrowing privileges will be reinstated immediately upon notification from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners that a community library has been re-certified.

This policy does not apply to any Massachusetts resident who needs to use the Forbush Memorial Library's public computers, attend library programs, or use library materials in-house if other library policies are followed.