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## **Library Card Policy**

Library cards are issued free of charge to any Sharon resident or any resident of Massachusetts with proper identification from their state-certified local library.

Residents of towns participating in the Old Colony Library Network may acquire a card at their hometown library or be issued a Sharon card. However, patrons should be aware that this may result in restrictions on certain benefits. For example, a Canton resident with a Sharon library card cannot borrow a museum pass from either library.

All library cards are issued at the circulation desks. Current identification and proof of address are required. Typically, adults are asked for a driver's license, but other forms of identification may be acceptable. Call the Library's Circulation Department at (781)784-1578 x 1420 to inquire.

Anyone under the age of 18 must have a legal guardian present with proper proof of identity to register for a card. Grandparents may register a grandchild for a library card, with proper proof of identification, as long as the grandparent signs to accept responsibility for the child's account.

A Sharon Public Library card may be used to borrow from other Old Colony Library Network libraries.

To protect individual privacy, it is strongly recommended that all library users present a valid library card each time they wish to borrow materials. Should adult library users forget to bring their library cards, they may present a government-issued photo ID instead of the card. Smartphone apps with card images are acceptable alternatives to physical cards. Children under 18 must present a library card to borrow materials.

If a card is lost or stolen, notify the Library's Circulation Department immediately to prevent unauthorized borrowing.