

Sutton Free Public Library

Lending to Decertified Communities Policy

As a participant in the State Aid to Public Libraries Program administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Sutton Free Public Library must comply with requirements regarding use of its collection that are specified in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 78, Section 19A B and further defined in the Code of Massachusetts Regulations (605 CMR 4.00)

The Sutton Free Public Library shares its resources with Massachusetts public libraries and the residents of Massachusetts communities whose libraries have been certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

In the interests of protecting the resources of Sutton taxpayers, and as an incentive to neighboring communities to fairly fund their own libraries, the Sutton Free Public Library regrettably declines to extend borrowing privileges and library services to Massachusetts public libraries that are not certified, and to residents from Massachusetts communities that do not have certified libraries.

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

The Sutton Free Public Library honors its obligation to make available its reading and reference rooms to all residents of the Commonwealth regardless of the certification status of their hometown libraries.

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