

GRAND VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY

NON RESIDENT BORROWING

Date of Review: Feb. 13, 2008

Motion; #6

Chairperson's Signature:

The operation of the Grand Valley Public Library is supported by municipal and provincial taxes and as such upholds the principle of "free" public library service.

Residents and non-residents shall have admission to the library and use of materials within the library.

Residents within the library catchment area (municipalities of Amaranth and East Garafraxa) may borrow from the library if a good and valid contract exists between the Board and the Municipality (Grand Valley Council by-law 90-19). If no contract exists, then residents of that municipality shall borrow from a library with which the municipality has a contract.

Residents of municipalities outside the catchment area whose municipalities support an active library system will have "free" borrowing privileges at the Grand Valley Public Library. (Board Motion #9 February 13,1990.)

Rational

Individuals living outside the catchment area and accessing our services do so for personal convenience (they work or shop here), or (material they need is not available at their own library). It costs less to give direct service than to give interlibrary loan. It is good public relations to offer service to those who support the community with employment or purchasing power.