Parker Memorial Library RECIPROCAL BORROWING POLICY

In accordance with the State's Minimum Standard for Public Library Service (Massachusetts General Laws, Ch. 78, Section 19B 1 & 6), the Parker Memorial Library extends reciprocal borrowing privileges to the residents of the Commonwealth who reside in towns and cities who 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 services.

It is, therefore, the policy of the Parker Memorial Library to discontinue borrowing privileges to residents of communities who 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.

The Library Board of Trustees and Library Director of the affected community will be notified in writing by the Parker Memorial Library Board of Library Trustees when reciprocal borrowing privileges have been terminated.

The Parker Memorial Library Board of Library Trustees agrees to provide reinstatement of borrowing privileges to all affected borrowers once a library is re-certified.

Approved by the Board of Library Trustees on April 13, 2011.