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Resource sharing through the provincial interlibrary loan network is a primary service that supports the mission of the Library by providing enhanced access to Library materials and information. By participating in resource sharing, the Gravenhurst Public Library provides Library users with access to shared collections, the collections of other libraries, and makes its collections available to other libraries. This policy establishes a commitment to resource sharing partnerships.

1. The Library will participate in resource sharing opportunities by:
 - a) joining collaborative initiatives such as material pools, and the provincial interlibrary loan network
 - b) using resource sharing as an adjunct to, not a substitute for, the Library's collection
 - c) purchasing frequently requested titles
 - d) offering provincial interlibrary loan service to users in good standing

2. Interlibrary loan is a transaction in which the Gravenhurst Public Library borrows materials directly from another Library on behalf of a user, or another Library borrows materials from the Gravenhurst Public Library on behalf of its user through INFO (Information Network for Ontario). The Library will:
 - a) adhere to the provincial interlibrary loan policies and participation standards
 - b) make its database of holdings available to the provincial interlibrary loan network
 - c) promote awareness of the interlibrary loan service
 - d) request materials not owned by the Library or missing from the Library's collection
 - e) request any type of Library materials needed for the purpose of study, instruction, information, recreation, or research
 - f) not request items owned by the Library that are temporarily in use or on reserve



- g) support the Library's book clubs and other book-based programming by requesting multiple copies of a book even if the Library already owns a copy
 - h) strictly observe any conditions for use of loaned materials that are imposed by a lending Library
 - i) not charge users a fee for borrowing via interlibrary loan
 - j) consult with users in advance regarding fees charged by lending libraries
 - k) be responsible for materials borrowed on behalf of patrons and pay for overdue charges, damage, or loss of material borrowed on interlibrary loan
 - l) charge overdue fines for items that are not returned by the end of the loan period indicated on the paperwork provided by the lending library (See Schedule D – Fines, Policy PAT-02 Circulation of Materials)
 - m) charge a non-pick up fee if an ILLO request is either cancelled at the time of pick up or if the item is not picked up by the due date assigned to the item by GPL staff (See Schedule A – Fees, Policy PAT-02 Circulation of Materials)
3. Interlibrary loan service is offered to other libraries that abide by the provincial interlibrary loan policies and participation standards. The Library will:
- a) make available the broadest range of materials for interlibrary loan with the following exceptions:
 - i. equipment
 - ii. materials limited by licensing agreements
 - iii. materials designated as non-circulating (Muskoka Reference Collection)
 - iv. Rotating Pool materials
 - b) reserve the right to refuse to lend other materials or to ask a borrowing Library to restrict use of materials lent
 - c) respond to requests within 2 days
 - d) circulate items for the same period of time as for regular circulation (six (6) weeks)
 - e) grant renewals for materials lent to other libraries unless the material is required by a Gravenhurst Public Library user
 - f) charge for overdue, damaged or lost materials based on the Gravenhurst Public Library Circulation Policy