

# **Gary Byker Memorial Library of Hudsonville**

## **Reciprocal Borrowing Policy**

(updated 8/13/2013)

It is the policy of the Gary Byker Memorial Library to allow reciprocal borrowing among libraries in the Lakeland Library Cooperative whose level of patron usage at the Gary Byker Memorial Library has not, on a monthly basis, reached 20% or more of the Gary Byker Memorial Library's total circulation for that month.

After that, patrons from that Lakeland Library Cooperative library no longer have reciprocal borrowing privileges at the Gary Byker Memorial Library of Hudsonville and shall pay a \$.25 per item borrowing and renewal fee. Per item borrowing fees are in addition to any program fees already in place.

All City of Hudsonville residents are entitled to a library card issued by the Gary Byker Memorial Library. For purposes of this policy, the term "resident" includes all persons actually residing within the city limits or residing in Blendon Township and holding a Hudsonville card, as well as any person who is an owner of record of real property located within the city limits.

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#### **Information about our Reciprocal Borrowing Policy**

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Borrowing between libraries is a great way to increase access to information for citizens. We are pleased to belong to the Lakeland Library Cooperative, which encourages this type of "reciprocal" borrowing. However, due to geographical proximity or preference, large numbers of patrons who are residents of other library service areas have placed an undue burden on our library, forcing us to hire extra staff, schedule extra programs, request extra material by interlibrary loan, and replace worn materials more frequently. Over 50% of the patrons we served in 2002, when a form of this policy was first established, were residents of other library service areas.

So, in order to ensure that our citizens have a quality library program, the Gary Byker Memorial Library Advisory Board adopted a Reciprocal Borrowing Policy that would enable us to either collect some revenue from these patrons, or encourage them to use their own "home" library. This policy was originally approved at the March 12, 2002 meeting of the Hudsonville City Commission and revised on August 13, 2013. The revised policy states that if the usage from the patrons of another library within the Lakeland Library Cooperative has reached 20% or above, on a monthly basis, in circulation at the Gary Byker Memorial Library, a patron of that library must pay \$.25 per item checked out or renewed. If you have any questions, please email Melissa Huisman, the Library Director, at [mhuisman@hudsonville.org](mailto:mhuisman@hudsonville.org)

At this time, the following library's patrons will be charged the fee: The Georgetown Township Public Library.