

## RESOURCE SHARING

### **PURPOSE**

The City of Lethbridge Library Board has a mandate to provide library materials to other libraries and library systems. This policy is in accordance with the Province of Alberta *Libraries Act* and *Regulation*.

### **PERSONS AFFECTED**

City of Lethbridge Library Board/Library employees/ Volunteers

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the policy of the City of Lethbridge Library Board to ensure that every attempt is made to collect material to fulfill patron requests regardless of who the patron is or why the patron wishes to access the material.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The City of Lethbridge Library Board endorses the philosophy of reciprocal lending and borrowing with the provincial resource sharing network. Therefore the Library's collections shall be available for loan to other libraries, either as material or loans via electronic data transfer.

Interlibrary loans and other resource sharing arrangements as may arise shall be established in keeping with the Alberta *Libraries Act* and its *Regulations*; The Public Library Services Branch, Alberta Municipal Affairs; The Alberta Library, or other consortium or agreement contracts as may be developed. The Library will provide materials and receive remuneration and subsidies as per these agreements.

### **Interlibrary Loan and Regional Lending Services**

As a member of the Chinook Arch Regional Library System, the Lethbridge Public Library participates in the provision of Interlibrary Loans, Regional Lending Service and Information Services.

The Lethbridge Public Library uses its own collection as much as possible when responding to title information requests. If the Lethbridge Public Library does not have the requested title or information available in its collection, it will check the online Chinook Arch Library catalogue to determine if the material is available within the Chinook Arch Regional Library System.

Chinook Arch coordinates the interlibrary loan services for materials not available within the regional library catalogue.

The Lethbridge Public Library adheres to the guidelines outlined in the Chinook Arch Regional Library System's policy on resource sharing.

## **REFERENCES**

- Province of Alberta *Libraries Act and Regulation*
- Chinook Arch Regional Library System – *Resource Sharing – Interlibrary Loan, Regional Lending Services, Information Services Policy*, December 6, 2012

## **REVISION HISTORY**

- March 12, 2014: New policy
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