

Changes in Library Services to Tallmadge Township Residents

- *Lakeland Library Cooperative Underfunded Contract Service Area Policy:*

Lakeland Library Cooperative member libraries participating in the shared online system are making a significant investment of their taxpayers' money in the development of a first-rate library system. In fairness to the libraries that fund the Lakeland Library Cooperative, provision must be made to ensure that everyone using reciprocal borrowing and interlibrary loan is paying equitably to its operating costs. Toward that end, it is the policy of the Lakeland Library Cooperative Board that patrons living in Contract Service Areas served by Lakeland Library Cooperative member libraries be given access to reciprocal borrowing and inter-library loan in accordance with the rules and regulations of this policy, and that all Lakeland members shall enforce these rules and regulations in a complete and consistent manner. This policy addresses only Contract Service Areas that do not pay at least the equivalent of 0.3 mil on the local taxable value to their contracting libraries. This is the minimum local support required for a public library to receive Michigan State Aid to Public Libraries (MCL 397.20a)

- *Underfunded Contract Service Area Patron Cards:*

2.1 Participating Libraries issuing cards under this policy are responsible for meeting the requirements for library service as provided by Michigan Law.

2.2 Each Participating Library will make available to its patrons in contract service areas, a card restricted to use only at that library if the support to the participating library is less than the equivalent of 0.3 mil on the local taxable value.

2.3 Each registered contract service area patron will be allowed to place holds for pickup only at that library on materials owned by that library.

2.4 Underfunded Contract Service Area Cards will expire with the expiration date of the service contract or if no contract expiration date exists may not be issued or renewed for more than one (1) year at a time.

2.5 Underfunded Contract Service Area Patron Cards may or may not be honored at other Participating Libraries.

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What does this mean for Tallmadge Residents?

- Tallmadge Residents will have to come to the Allendale Library to receive a new card beginning July 1st.
- Each Lakeland member library will choose whether or not to honor this card. If you are not sure, please contact the library you use (see 2.5 under the *Underfunded Contract Service Area Patron Cards* policy).
- If the library you use chooses not to honor your library card, you will only be able to use the Allendale Library as we are the library that holds a service contract with Tallmadge Township. Holds can only be placed at the Allendale Library and only on Allendale Library materials.

Options:

- Support the Allendale Library at the equivalent of .3 mils (roughly \$75,000). The current level of support through penal fines is \$23,710.
- Build a library in Tallmadge Township to serve Tallmadge residents.
- Purchase non-resident cards to the library you use (note: if you use more than one library, a card would have to be purchased at each library).

2009 Library Use by Tallmadge Patrons:

- Allendale Library: 4,486
- KDL Walker Branch: 43,575
- KDL Grandville Branch: 14,020
- Coopersville Area District Library: 3,288
- Georgetown Township Library: 182