

RECIPROCAL BORROWING POLICY

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North Douglas Library District's Mildred Whipple Library establishes reciprocal borrowing services to allow participating libraries to share materials among their respective cardholders.

Mildred Whipple Library supports citizen expectations that governments cooperate and collaborate for the benefit of the public good. Mildred Whipple Library actively seeks ways to provide convenient, easy access to library materials for cardholders. A borrowing policy that offers cardholders free access to library materials beyond their primary library collection adds value for the library's customers and is responsible public policy.

A reciprocal borrowing agreement is an agreement established between two libraries that allows cardholders of one library to check out materials from the other library for free and vice versa. Such an agreement increases choices, offers greater convenience, and expands access to library materials for cardholders.

Mildred Whipple Library will consider establishing reciprocal agreements with libraries in reasonable geographic proximity and that have a regular, ongoing funding source.

Libraries without tax support or libraries that do not establish a regular, ongoing funding source for the purchase of new materials are not eligible for reciprocal borrowing with Mildred Whipple Library.

Reciprocal borrowers are subject to the rules, policies and procedures set by Mildred Whipple Library.

Mildred Whipple Library will review its reciprocal agreements and usage annually (or more frequently as needed) to ensure agreements are serving their established purpose and current cardholders' needs. Should a reciprocal relationship create an imbalance or other situation that negatively affects services to Mildred Whipple Library's cardholders or requires additional staffing or costs, the library will consider ending an agreement.