

Purpose & Scope

Under the authority provided in the Ontario Public Libraries Act, this policy defines who may register for borrowing privileges at Burlington Public Library.

Statement of Policy

Residents of Burlington are eligible to register for a Burlington Public Library card at no charge with suitable identification and agreement to abide by Burlington Public Library's rules and regulations.

Individuals employed by businesses, attending school, or paying property taxes in Burlington are also eligible to register for a Burlington Public Library card with full borrowing privileges at no charge upon presentation of suitable identification, proof of their employment or school enrolment, and their agreement to respect Burlington Public Library's rules and regulations.

Members of the Oakville, Milton, and Halton Hills libraries who present a valid library card from their home library and accept Burlington Public Library's rules and regulations may register, at no charge, as Halton reciprocal members with full borrowing privileges excluding electronic and online products. Members of the Hamilton Public Library who present a valid library card from their home library and accept Burlington Public Library's rules and regulations may register, at no charge, as a reciprocal member for limited borrowing privileges excluding electronic and online products. Burlington residents with valid Burlington Public Library cards will be extended similar privileges at the Hamilton Public Library.

Burlington Public Library will also accept registrations from those who do not live, work, or attend school in Halton Region upon payment of an annual fee equivalent to the per capita grant from the City of Burlington. This fee will entitle non-resident borrowers to full privileges.

While Burlington Public Library does not charge fines for any overdue items, Library card holders accept financial responsibility for unreturned, loss, theft or damage for all material borrowed on their card. A lost or stolen library card must be reported to the library.

The Chief Executive Officer or designate may restrict the number of items taken by a borrower at any one time based on demand, format, the need for the items, or an

individual's abuse of borrowing privileges. An individual who questions these decisions may appeal to the Burlington Public Library Board.

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Associated Policies: Donations, Sponsorships & Fundraising; Fees and Charges