1. The noncertified municipality and its library will not receive any State Aid to Public Libraries monies ([M.G.L. c.78, s.19A](https://mblc.state.ma.us/about-us/laws-and-regulations/laws.php)).

2. Libraries in certified municipalities are not required to lend library materials to the library in the noncertified municipality ([605 CMR 4.01 (6a)](https://mblc.state.ma.us/about-us/laws-and-regulations/605cmr4.php)).

3. Libraries in certified municipalities are not required to extend reciprocal library services, beyond in-library use of their materials, to residents of the noncertified municipality ([605 CMR 4.01 (6b)](https://mblc.state.ma.us/about-us/laws-and-regulations/605cmr4.php)).

4. The library will not receive support through the Small Libraries in Networks Program.

5. The municipality is not eligible to apply for funds under the Public Library Construction Program ([605 CMR 6.05 (1)(c)](https://mblc.state.ma.us/programs-and-support/construction/files/605cmr6.pdf)), and any existing grant will be invalidated because the library must maintain eligibility throughout the construction process in order to receive grant funds ([605 CMR 6.09(7)(b)](https://mblc.state.ma.us/programs-and-support/construction/files/605cmr6.pdf)).

6. The library will not be eligible to apply for grants under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program.

Note: Network Telecommunications and Resource Sharing funding are not affected.

What happens when neighboring municipalities are not certified?

**If a neighboring municipality is not certified, may we refuse to serve residents of that municipality?**

Yes, but it is a decision that must be voted on by your board of trustees. [605 CMR 4.01(6)](https://mblc.state.ma.us/about-us/laws-and-regulations/605cmr4.php) states that "all public libraries participating in the direct state aid grant program must be willing, on a reciprocal basis, to extend direct access and services to nonresidents who are card holders in other libraries participating in the state grant program..." The regulation does not make any statement regarding serving residents of municipalities that are not certified.

**Are there any services that we must provide to residents of a noncertified municipality?**

Yes. You must provide access to reference and reading rooms. [605 CMR 4.01(1)](https://mblc.state.ma.us/about-us/laws-and-regulations/605cmr4.php) states that "all residents of the commonwealth shall have access to reading and reference rooms under the same conditions as residents of the community."

**May we charge fees to residents of a noncertified municipality?**

Yes. If the municipality is not certified, then they are not participating in the State Aid to Public Libraries program and you are not required to offer them free borrowing privileges. Your trustees have the options of:

(1) continuing to extend borrowing privileges to residents of noncertified communities;  
(2) charging residents of noncertified municipalities to borrow materials;  
(3) denying borrowing privileges to residents of noncertified municipalities;  
(4) entering into a contractual arrangement with the noncertified municipality.

**Are we required to continue to interlibrary loan items to a noncertified library?**

No, unless you are a library contracting with a regional library system to provide ILL.

**Will we be reimbursed (through the Nonresident Circulation Offset) for lending materials to resident of noncertified municipalities?**

No. Municipalities *will not* be reimbursed for circulating materials to residents from of out-of-state and noncertified Massachusetts municipalities ([605 CMR 4.02](https://mblc.state.ma.us/about-us/laws-and-regulations/605cmr4.php)).

If GPL closes:

* An average of 42 people a day will be without a computer to use for internet or word processing, an additional 20 will be unable to access free Wi-Fi, and 4 people a week will not be able to get assistance with technology
* About 36 people a day will not get reference questions answered
* Students from Four Rivers School will have no safe place to go on early release Wednesdays
* An average of 26 parents and children will miss out twice-weekly on Mother Goose on the Loose story times
* About 24 teens will lose monthly Pizza and Movie nights as well as other teen-centered activities
* 41 groups will not be able to avail themselves of the library’s two meeting rooms on a monthly basis