

Purpose: The Medicine Hat Library Board supports and participates in resource sharing among libraries within Alberta, working toward the vision of The Alberta Library: "universal barrier-free access for all Albertans to information and ideas delivered in a dynamic model of cooperation extending beyond walls and beyond current levels of performance".

1. Definitions:

1.1. Library: means the Medicine Hat Public Library

1.2. TAL: means The Alberta Library

1.3. Libraries Act: Province of Alberta Libraries Act, RSA2000, Ch L-11

2. The Library will work within the guidelines laid out in the document *Principles of Resource Sharing* published by Alberta Municipal Affairs, and will participate in a provincial resource sharing network.
3. The Library will participate in intra-library loan of all library resources within the Shortgrass Library System. All circulating print material may be loaned to libraries throughout Alberta and Canada; loans of other library resources may be restricted.
4. In accordance with the Libraries Act, the Library will not charge a fee for acquiring items from other libraries. However, any charge to the Library from lending library will be passed on to the borrower.
5. The Library will participate in The Alberta Library (TAL) card program by making its resources available to all library users who carry a valid TAL card and ensuring that items belonging to other libraries are returned efficiently.
6. The Library will work with other libraries in Alberta, and TAL, to access electronic resources through subscriptions, licensing, or direct purchasing.