

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 Community Development, 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 a 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.