



INTERLIBRARY LOANS

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1.0 Background

By participating in resource sharing, the Library provides its users with access to shared collections, the collections of other libraries, and makes its collections available to other libraries. Resource sharing through the provincial interlibrary loan network is a primary service that supports the mission of the Stouffville Library by providing enhanced access to library materials and information.

This policy establishes the Board's commitment to resource sharing partnerships.

2.0 Policy

The Library may participate in resource sharing opportunities by:

- joining collaborative initiatives such as material pools and the provincial interlibrary loan network;
- using resource sharing as an adjunct to, not a substitute for, the Library's collection
- offering provincial interlibrary loan service to users in good standing.

The interlibrary loan is a transaction in which the Library borrows materials directly from another library on behalf of a user, or another library borrows materials from the Stouffville Library on behalf of its user through the Information Network for Ontario.