



**SUBJECT:** Library

**POLICY:** 902.5 Community Patrons

**RELATED PROCEDURE:** 902.5

**EFFECTIVE:** January 2006

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### **Introduction and Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to define those who qualify as community patrons and to explain applicable library use privileges.

### **Definition**

Community patrons are defined as Montana residents age 16 and older who are not current students, faculty, or staff of Great Falls College MSU or students at other Montana State University institutions. Great Falls College MSU alumni have the same privileges as community patrons.

### **Policy**

1. Community patrons may borrow library books and other materials with a current community borrower's card.
2. Patrons are responsible for damages to library materials while checked out under their account. Damaged items may be assessed a fine, depending on the extent of damage. An item returned in such a condition that it must be replaced will be treated as lost (see 6). All damaged items remain the property of the library.
3. Fines will be assessed for late, damaged, or lost materials. Fine amounts vary depending on the material borrowed.
4. Borrowing privileges may be revoked for failure to return items, pay fines, or pay for lost or damaged materials.
5. Community patrons must adhere to the library conduct policy (901.1) and posted space use restrictions.