

Hull Decertification Information

The Hull Public Library was decertified on February 4, 2010 by the Mass Board of Library Commissioners due to disproportionate budget cuts and a failure to meet a minimally required budget appropriation.

The Hingham Public Library Board of Trustees held a special meeting on February 24, 2010, to consider this issue and approved the following motion:

Effective March 1, 2010, the Hingham Public Library will not lend library materials to Hull residents through direct borrowing or inter-library loan.

Hull residents are welcome to use the resources within the Hingham Public Library and participate in any & all events held at the library, but the lending restriction imposed by Hingham and other communities will be in place until Hull is recertified or other acceptable borrowing arrangements are approved by the Board of Trustees of the Hingham Public Library.

The date of March 1 was chosen because the Old Colony Library Network will make software policy changes on that day to accommodate the certified libraries who have elected to restrict loaning materials to Hull.

At this time the Thomas Crane Library in Quincy is the only library within OCLN to be on record as continuing full service to Hull residents. Decisions regarding service to Hull residents are pending in Milton, Randolph and Walpole. A few other libraries within OCLN will continue to allow access to their collections in the form of inter-library loan requests, so Hull residents can still obtain resources by visiting the Hull library.

It is important to note this policy applies to all Hull *residents* and not just Hull *card holders*. Many Hull residents carry Hingham cards, but these will not be accepted as the key element is residency.

We encourage you to contact the Hull Board of Selectmen and ask them to support a Fiscal Year 2011 Hull Library budget that meets State Standards for certified libraries. You may also contact the Hull Public Library Foundation to learn what they are doing to help the Hull Public Library.