

**SUBJECT: PRIORITY SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS****I. PURPOSE**

The Naperville Public Library is a tax-supported institution operating under the provisions of the Local Library Act (75 ILCS 5/), which provides that the Library “shall be forever for the use of the residents and taxpayers of the city...subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the library board may adopt in order to render the use of the library of the greatest benefit to the greatest number of such residents and taxpayers.” The Library also holds membership in the DuPage Library System. System membership requires the Library to participate in “reciprocal access” programs, such as interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing. The duties and obligations of system membership are governed by rules enacted by the DuPage Library System and the Illinois State Library. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the Board and staff to follow when adopting policies to best meet the library and information needs of the residents of Naperville while fulfilling the Library’s obligations as a member of the DuPage Library System.

**II. SCOPE**

The concept of priority service for residents shall be a guiding principle in the establishment of policies regulating the use of the Library and its programs, services and facilities.

**III. PROVISIONS**

The Library shall periodically assess each of its services and adopt policies that extend services to Naperville cardholders only except in those cases where System membership requires reciprocal access or where the practice of other public libraries makes comparable services available to Naperville residents on a scale that justifies reciprocal access.