

## **Public Libraries in Non-Certified Municipalities**

Public libraries in non-certified municipalities (hereinafter referred to as non-certified libraries) may continue as a full-voting member of the network. Non-certified libraries will be assessed according to the same formula as libraries in certified municipalities. NOBLE will continue to provide access to all NOBLE services covered under the general assessment, including the library management system, staff support, cataloging services, email, training/consulting, Internet service, etc. Non-certified libraries will also be required to follow all network policies.

The governing body of individual libraries within the network may decide to decline cards of residents from non-certified municipalities by providing written notification of their intent to NOBLE. Residents from non-certified municipalities will not be able to check out or place holds on materials owned by libraries that choose to deny their cards. Libraries choosing to deny requests from non-certified libraries must deny requests from all non-certified libraries.

Network members agree to follow established procedures for registering patrons from non-certified libraries in communities outside NOBLE.

When more than half of NOBLE libraries' governing bodies vote to decline cards of residents from non-certified municipalities, NOBLE will remove OverDrive access for those residents to restrict them from borrowing digital materials from other libraries and from the NOBLE shared collection. These restrictions will be implemented on July 1 of the fiscal year following the library's decertification. Non-certified libraries will have the option to remove their Advantage titles from the shared collection for use in a standalone OverDrive collection or in the platform for a different vendor at the non-certified library's expense. Transfer of Advantage titles is subject to publisher approval.

Non-certified libraries will not be required to pay an OverDrive fee during the period of this restriction. OverDrive access can be restored immediately upon a library's recertification and the payment of a prorated OverDrive fee following the same formula as other NOBLE libraries. Non-certified libraries may submit an appeal to the NOBLE Executive Board to maintain and/or restore access to the OverDrive collection in the event of an extenuating circumstance.

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