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## Use of the Library

The Library is a tax-supported institution and its services and resources are available to those individuals who live or pay taxes within the city limits of Mountain Home or who pay for a non-resident library card. The Library's "legal service area" is that area within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Mountain Home. Services to patrons will not be denied or abridged because of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, veteran status, or any other applicable legally protected status.

The Library allows browsers and students from all areas to use materials while in the Library. Reference assistance is provided to browsers whether or not they are residents of Mountain Home or purchase a non-resident library card. A library card is necessary for circulation of collection items and reciprocal borrowing agreements or service contracts may also provide borrowers with access to other system collections.

- Activities such as, but not limited to, meetings, tutoring/mentoring/counseling/personal assistance sessions, group studies, conferences, or informal get-togethers will be directed to the Commons area, seasonal outside patio, study carrels, or will need to be booked into the privacy pod or public meeting room using standard reservation processes.

Seating in the Commons area and study carrels are made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Library programming shall have priority in all Library areas. Ongoing or regularly scheduled events and meetings in the Commons must have prearranged sponsorship from the Library Director.