



Non-Resident and Reciprocal Borrowers

Welcome to the South Haven Memorial Library!

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Public libraries in Michigan are governed by the concept that each citizen has a "home library" based on their place of residence and where they pay their property taxes. A South Haven Memorial Library resident is a person who lives within the legal boundaries of the City of South Haven or the Township of South Haven, and pays property taxes to the City or the Township. Renters who live in the City or in the Township pay taxes indirectly through their property owners. Since public libraries are largely supported by property taxes, the home library provides a full range of services to its residents.

In that spirit, the South Haven Memorial Library offers many of our materials and services to reciprocal borrowers who present a **valid library card from their home library**. The South Haven Memorial Library has a reciprocal borrowing agreement with the Van Buren District Library and with MichiCard – which means we accept library patrons from VBDL and MichiCard – but we are not their home library. The South Haven Memorial Library strives to be a good neighbor, offering generous benefits to reciprocal borrowers without having an adverse effect on local taxpayers. A non-resident may purchase a South Haven Memorial Library card to receive full services.

Gifts to the SHML Endowment Fund are a lasting legacy to meet the future needs of our library. A donation to the South Haven Memorial Library in appreciation of its services would be gladly accepted.

Non-Resident and Reciprocal Borrowers may:

- Check out all types of library items with the same loan periods and limits as South Haven Memorial Library cardholders.
- Use all Reference materials from within the Library, including online tools.
- Attend programs.
- Attend story times.
- Use our public computers (no card required).
- Request and hold SHML books, magazines, CD's, and DVD's.

Services reserved for South Haven Memorial Library City and Township residents:

- Request materials through MeL Interlibrary Loan.
- Access online tools from a remote location.
- Access to your personal library account.
- Request and Download eBooks.
- Check out all types of library items.
- Use all Reference materials in the Library, including online tools.
- Attend programs.
- Attend story times.
- Use our public computers (no card required).
- Request and hold SHML items.

Policies vary by library and are subject to change. South Haven City and Township residents who wish to use other libraries are advised to call the library you intend to visit and ask if they are a reciprocal borrower or MichiCard Library.