

DRAFT - MORE Circulation Policy amendment on labeling, March 2025

Recommended by MORE Executive Committee with input from IFLS Intellectual Freedom Working Group

The following would replace the "Loaning Within MORE" section on page two of the current [MORE Circulation Policy](#):

MORE-member libraries must circulate materials according to their lending rules to all MORE-member library customers with an account in good standing.

Since patrons can borrow resources from any member library within the MORE consortium, all participating libraries are strongly advised to adopt the American Library Association's position on labeling and avoid the use of any label which may be perceived as prejudicial. See [Labeling Systems: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights](#).

MORE member libraries are required to circulate all types of materials to other MORE member libraries, except when:

- Circulating the item may cause damage to that item.
- Circulating the item will cause undue burden on owning library staff

FOR REFERENCE & TRACKING ONLY: PRIOR drafts of MORE Circulation Policy addendum on labeling:

- BLACK text = Original MORE Circulation Policy text
- RED text = Intellectual Freedom Working Group draft, approved by MORE Operations Committee on November 19, 2024.
- BLUE text = Additional text added and approved by MORE Executive Committee on January 3, 2025.
- GREEN text = Final text added. Draft edited and approved by MORE Executive Committee with input from the Intellectual Freedom Working Group on February 28, 2025.

(See "Loaning Within MORE" section on page two of the [MORE Circulation Policy](#))

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- MORE member libraries are ~~encouraged~~ **required** to circulate all types of materials to other MORE member libraries, **except when:** Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the owning library only in instances where circulating an item:

- **Circulating the item** may cause damage to that item.
- **Circulating the item** will cause undue burden on owning library staff.
- ~~The item contains a prejudicial label "designed to restrict access, based on a value judgment that the content, language, or themes of the resource, or the background or views of the creator(s) of the resource, render it inappropriate or offensive for all or certain groups of users." (As defined in the American Library Association's [Labeling Systems: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights](#))*~~

~~*Since patrons can borrow resources from any member library within the MORE consortium, participating libraries are strongly discouraged from using any prejudicial labels (as defined in the American Library Association's [Labeling Systems: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights](#)).~~