

## **To ALL Surrey Township Public Library (STPL) Patrons:**

In December 2019 the Surrey Township Public Library notified the Pere Marquette District Library that they intended on leaving our shared library catalog system. Their transition began the last week of December 2019 and as of January 1, 2020 all STPL patron records and their items have been deleted from our shared catalog.

### **What does this mean as a STPL Patron visiting PMDL?**

We are in the process of negotiating with the STPL Board for a new reciprocal agreement that will provide open door access between our two libraries as it had been prior to this move by STPL.

A new agreement must be signed for us to continue to offer guest services to STPL patrons. Until a new agreement is signed we will continue to offer guest services to our STPL patrons on a month-by-month basis. Our hope is that we will have an agreement by the end of January 2020.

### **If my STPL card was deleted how can I check out materials?**

When the STPL left our shared catalog your library patron record was deleted from our system. You will need to complete a new guest library patron registration form so we can re-enter your patron information into our system for you to check out items. This must be done before you can check out any materials from PMDL. You will continue to use your STPL Card at PMDL after completing the new registration.

### **Can I still request items from other partner libraries through PMDL's shared catalog?**

As it stands currently STPL guest patrons will only have access to items owned by PMDL. As a STPL guest patron you will no longer be able to place holds on library items owned at any branch of the Chippewa River District Library, Coleman Area District Library or any other partner in our library catalog.

For items that are not owned at PMDL you will need to request through MELCat and your items will be sent to STPL.

Thank you for your understanding during this transition. These changes are beyond our control here at the Pere Marquette District Library and we are saddened to see the Surrey Township Public Library leave our shared library catalog system.

**If you have any further questions regarding the STPL changes please contact the Surrey Township Public Library.**