

LIBRARIES SOUTHWEST

RECIPROCAL BORROWERS AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT MADE AND ENTERED INTO by and between the Allen, Jeff Davis, Cameron, Calcasieu, Beauregard and Vernon Parish Libraries, represented by the librarians of said libraries, authorized to act herein pursuant to a Resolution of the Library Board of said libraries, copies of which are annexed hereto and made a part hereof, witnesseth:

I. In order to provide more library resources to the residents of said parishes, the Library Boards of said parishes agree to a reciprocal borrowers agreement whereby each parish will allow residents of the other parishes to charge out specified library materials on their valid borrower's cards from their own parish library.

(a) Borrowers with valid borrowers cards may charge out specified library materials from any and all service facilities of the other parish libraries including bookmobile services where available.

(b) Each parish library, after notification, will not honor the borrower's card of a resident of another parish who has had his borrowing privileges revoked by his library. Each parish library is responsible for notifying the other of those borrowers who have lost their borrowing privileges.

II. Library materials of the said parish libraries available for circulation to residents of the other parishes shall be limited to print materials only: books, magazines, pamphlets, vertical file items. Audiovisual materials and equipment, art prints, and microforms of either parish libraries may not be checked out by residents of the other parishes.

III. Residents of said parishes may freely use the facilities and resources within the library branches of the parishes. However, some services, such as interlibrary loan service and use of meeting room facilities will be available only to residents of that parish.

IV. Library material borrowed from another parish library should, whenever possible, be returned to the branch from which checked out, but may be returned to any branch or facility of said parish.

(a) The library branch to which materials are returned is responsible for mailing the materials to the library branch from which they were borrowed. The returned material will be accompanied by a note stating the place and date returned.

(b) Fines for materials overdue will be collected and kept by the library branch to which the materials were returned. Payment for lost or damaged materials will be collected by the library branch to which the materials were returned and sent to the library branch from which they were borrowed.

V. Overdue notices for materials borrowed by residents of the other parish will be sent directly to the resident by the lending library branch. Notices returned and final notices of materials long overdue will be sent to the headquarters of the parish library issuing the card for further action. Each parish library will make a special

effort to secure the return of materials borrowed by residents of that parish from the other parish's libraries.

VI. The parish library issuing the borrower's card is ultimately responsible for materials charged out on the card from the other parish's libraries. In accordance with the preferences of the lending library, the cost of the repair or replacement of materials lost or damaged will be met by the borrower's parish library. Reimbursement by the borrower is the responsibility of the borrower's parish library.

VII. The terms of this agreement shall be ongoing from the date of its execution. The terms of this agreement may be revised by mutual consent of the librarians of all parishes and with the approval of all parish library boards.

This agreement may be terminated by any parish library board by written notice to the other parish library boards ninety (90) days prior to any termination.

VIII. This agreement is in no way to substitute for the development of adequate collections and library facilities based on the needs of the service areas. However, this agreement recognizes that no one library can be self-sufficient. Access to the entire resources of all parish libraries by residents of any parish, with due consideration to the interest of their own residents first, is in the public interest.

THIS AGREEMENT EXECUTED at Lake Charles, Louisiana, on this the 27th day of May, 1987.

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