

Minnesota Library Reciprocal Borrowing Compact

This compact is made and entered into this 15 day of June, 2001, by and between the board of trustees of each undersigned regional public library system recognized by the Minnesota Department of Children, Families, & Learning, and where required, undersigned members thereof.

WHEREAS, the undersigned boards of trustees were formed in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes* Chapter 134 to extend and improve public library services; and,

WHEREAS, the undersigned boards of trustees may enter into contract agreements for the extension of public library services in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes* 134.12, Subd, 2; and,

WHEREAS, it is mutually recognized by the parties hereto that library services in the boards' respective areas of responsibility may be improved by the adoption of a reciprocal borrowing privilege policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL COVENANTS HEREIN CONTAINED, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. Borrower's identification cards issued by participating libraries shall be accepted by all other participating libraries as valid borrower's cards in accordance with procedures set forth by the Council of Regional Public Library Systems Administrators (CRPLSA) in consultation with Library Development and Services (LDS) of the Minnesota Department of Children, Families, & Learning.

Sec. 2. The borrower shall abide by the rules and regulations of the lending library, and shall be responsible for returning materials borrowed to an agency of the library system which owns the material.

Sec. 3. All participating libraries agree to promptly return to the lending library any items returned to the participating library.

Sec. 4. It is understood and agreed that residents of each regional library system service area must obtain borrower's identification cards from the regional library system, or member library, serving that area.

Sec. 5. It is further understood and agreed that the regional public library system board issuing the borrower's identification card shall pay the lending library the replacement value of any and all library materials lost or damaged, or not returned, by the home library's residents.

Sec. 6. This compact does not provide for mail circulation of materials to residents outside of an undersigned library's service area.

Sec. 7. This compact includes circulation of those formats of library materials determined by each participating library.

Sec. 8. This compact shall become effective June 15, 2001. Withdrawal of an individual signatory may take place by giving notice to all other signatories at least six months prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

Sec. 9. This compact shall supercede all previous reciprocal borrowing agreements except those between and among members of the same regional public library system.

Sec. 10. The compact does not apply to libraries unaffiliated with the undersigned regional public library systems.

This compact shall be executed by the President of the board of trustees and the Director of each participating regional library system, and where required, the member thereof;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this COMPACT has been executed this 15 day of June, 2001.