

WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE
MEMBER LIBRARY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT
2013 Revision

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between the Wisconsin Valley Library Service, a library system organized in accordance with Chapter 43 of the WISCONSIN STATUTES, hereinafter called "WVLS," and

T. B. Scott Free Library
Name of Library

a library organized under ss. 43.52, 43.53 or 43.57 of the WISCONSIN STATUTES, hereinafter called "LIBRARY."

WHEREAS, in accordance with the WISCONSIN STATUTES, Section 43.15(4)(c), a municipal, county, or joint public library may participate in a public library system if it meets all of the following requirements:

1. The **LIBRARY IS ESTABLISHED** under s. 43.52 (municipalities), s. 43.53 (joint libraries), or 43.57 (consolidated county libraries and county library services), of the WISCONSIN STATUTES.
2. The **LIBRARY IS FREE FOR THE USE OF** the inhabitants of the municipality by which it is established and maintained. [s. 43.52(2)]
3. The **LIBRARY'S BOARD MEMBERSHIP** complies with statutory requirements regarding appointment, length of term, number of members and composition as stated in the WISCONSIN STATUTES, s. 43.54 (municipal and joint libraries) or s.43.57(4) (consolidated and county library services and library extension and interchange).
4. The **LIBRARY BOARD HAS EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OF THE EXPENDITURES OF ALL MONIES** collected, donated or appropriated for the library fund. [s. 43.58(1)]
5. The **LIBRARY BOARD SUPERVISES THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LIBRARY** and appoints the librarian, who appoints such other assistants and employees as the library board deems necessary, and prescribes their duties and compensation. [s. 43.58(4)]
6. The **LIBRARY IS LOCATED** in a county that participates in a public library system. [s. 43.15 (4)(c)(2)]
7. The **LIBRARY IS AUTHORIZED** by the municipal governing board to participate in the public library system. [s. 43.15(4)(c)(3)]
8. The **LIBRARY AGREES TO PARTICIPATE IN INTER-SYSTEM AGREEMENTS** entered into by WVLS on behalf of all WVLS libraries. [s. 43.24(2)(g)]
9. The **LIBRARY HAS ENTERED INTO A WRITTEN AGREEMENT** with the WVLS Board of Trustees to:
 - a. Participate in the system and its activities.
 - b. Circulate its materials to all other WVLS library patrons and to honor the valid borrowers' cards of all public libraries in systems adjacent to the WVLS and of libraries in other systems with which WVLS has on-site borrowing agreements. Nothing in this agreement shall prevent libraries from denying service or imposing charges as per s. 43.17(11).
 - c. Interloan its materials to any and all other WVLS libraries and to other Wisconsin libraries beyond the WVLS borders, according to WVLS policy.
 - d. Provide to any resident of the system area the same library services on the same terms that are provided to the residents of the municipality or county that established the member library. This requirement shall not prohibit this library from giving preference to its residents in library group programs held for children or adults if this library limits the number of persons who may participate in the group program. [s.43.15(4)(c)4; s. 43.17(10); s.43.24(2)(g)]

10. The **LIBRARY'S HEAD LIBRARIAN** holds the appropriate grade level of public librarian certification from the Department of Public Instruction, and is present in the library for at least 10 hours of each week that the library is open less leave time. [s.43.15(4)(c)(6)]
11. The **LIBRARY IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AN AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 20 HOURS EACH WEEK** except that for a library in existence on June 3, 2006, annually is open to the public an average of at least 20 hours or the number of hours each week that library was open to the public in 2005, whichever is fewer. [s. 43.15(4)(c)(7)]
12. The **LIBRARY ANNUALLY SPENDS AT LEAST \$2,500 ON LIBRARY MATERIALS.** [s.43.15(4)(c)(8)]

WHEREAS, WVLS has been organized and operates as a federated library system within the meaning of the WISCONSIN STATUTES, s. 43.19, and

WHEREAS, WVLS, pursuant to the WISCONSIN STATUTES, s. 43.24(2), shall comply with the following requirements in order to qualify for and maintain its eligibility for state aid:

- a. Written agreements to provide, to any resident of the system area, the same library services, on the same terms, that are provided to the residents of the municipality or county that established the member library. Provide for the interlibrary loan of materials among all participating libraries, as evidenced by agreements with those libraries.
- b. Backup reference and interlibrary loan service from the system resource library including the development of and access to specialized collections as evidenced by a written agreement with that library.
- d. Referral or routing of reference and interlibrary loan requests from libraries within the system to libraries within and outside the system.
- e. In-service training for participating library personnel and trustees.
- fm. Electronic delivery of information and physical delivery of library materials to participating libraries.
- g. Service agreements with all adjacent library systems.
- h. Professional consultant services to participating libraries.
- i. Any other service programs designed to meet the needs of participating public libraries and the residents of the system area, as determined by the public library system board after consultation with participating public libraries.
- k. Promotion and facilitation of library service to users with special needs.
- l. Cooperation and continuous planning with other types of libraries in the system area, which results in agreements with those libraries for the appropriate sharing of library resources to benefit the clientele of all libraries in the system area.
- m. Planning with the Division and with participating public libraries and other types of libraries in the area in regard to library technology and, the sharing of resources, and

WHEREAS, the City/Village/Town/County of Merrill

has authorized this LIBRARY to participate in the WVLS, now therefore,

IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. THE LIBRARY SHALL:

- Comply with the requirements for participation in a library system as stated in WISCONSIN STATUTES, s. 43.15(4)(c), and

- Continue to participate in the development of and comply with the requirements of library participation in a library system as promulgated by the WVLS Board of Trustees.

2. **THE WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE SHALL:**

- Provide to the LIBRARY, as a member in good standing, all WVLS services to which the LIBRARY is entitled either by law or by system policy.

This Agreement shall become effective as of 1/1/13 and shall continue in force until it is terminated by either party upon the provision of six month's advance written notice of termination prior to the start of the calendar year.

This Agreement is subject to amendment at any time by mutual agreement of both parties.

All agreements or parts of agreements, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SIGNED BY:

J. B. Scott Free Library
(Library Name)

Michael W. Luster
(Library Board President)

Harold Stevens
(Library Director)

8/15/2012
(Date)

LIBRARY'S SUPPORTING MUNICIPALITY

City of Merrill
(Name of City/Town/Village/County)

William R. Bialecki
(Mayor/Town Chair/Village President/County Board Chair)

8/13/2012
(Date)

WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE

Alice A. Sturgis
(President, WVLS Board of Trustees)

Maia Depnaski
(Director, WVLS)

8 September 2012
(Date)

