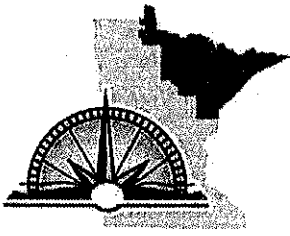


Exhibit A



DRAFT REVISED Arrowhead Library System Multitype Membership Agreement

This agreement is made between the _____ Library (hereinafter referred to as the Library) seeking to improve library service to its users by participating in the Arrowhead Library System Multitype (hereinafter referred to the ALS Multitype) services (as defined in Minnesota Statutes 134.351 – 134.354 and Minnesota Rules 3530.220). **ALS is designated as the multitype system in the counties of Carlton, Cook, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Itasca, Koochiching, and Saint Louis. Member libraries must be located in one of these counties. There are no membership fees.**

- I. The Library must meet the definition of Academic Library, Public Library, School Library Media Center, or Special Library as defined by the Minnesota Department of Education’s Multicity Multitype Aid Guidance and Definition document.

Library: A library is an entity that has a bibliographically organized collection of resources and materials; these collections are accessible to users.

Academic Library: An academic library is the library of an accredited degree-granting institution of higher education, or a non-accredited institution with a program of four years or more. An academic library provides all of the following: (1) an organized collection of printed and/or other materials; (2) a staff trained to provide and interpret collection materials as required to meet the needs of clientele; (3) an established schedule in which services of the staff are available to clientele; and (4) the physical facilities necessary to support such a collection, staff, and schedule.

Public Library Outlet: A public library outlet is a unit of an Administrative Entity that provides direct public library service and meets the public library membership requirements of Arrowhead Library System and definition of a public library under MN Statutes 134.001 Subd. 2.

School Library Media Center: A school library media center is an organized collection of printed, virtual and/or computer resources in an elementary or secondary school. A school library makes resources and services available to students, teachers, and administrators. A school library media center may be called a library, media center, instructional materials center, learning commons, or learning resource center.

Special Library: A special library is any library that maintains a collection of resources and that does not fit within any of the above categories. Special libraries may be affiliated with historical societies, hospitals or other organizations.

- II. The Library agrees to:
 - A. Share resources with other members to the greatest extent possible within the framework of its own and other libraries’ current policies and recognizing its primary responsibility to its own users. Resources may include but are not limited to books, materials, staff expertise, and bibliographic data.
 - B. Participate in networking and communication among all ALS Multitype member libraries. Information required for the ALS Membership Directory and email lists may include, but is not limited to, current contact information, phone number, and email address as well as relevant information about library resources, programming, staffing, and hours of services.
 - C. Provide staff for maintaining the library collection and support ongoing professional development.
 - D. Maintain financial support of its own library at a level which in no way is reduced because of participation in

the ALS Multitype.

- III. ALS programs and services will be based on the availability of funds appropriated by the State Legislature. Every attempt to provide the listed services will be made; however, ALS retains the right to modify the range of services due to changes in funding. ALS will:
- A. Provide and support professional development opportunities, including continuing education, training workshops, special programs, and other events at little or no cost.
 - B. Maintain a system of communication for the sharing of information among member libraries, including online newsletters, other communication methods, online event calendars, e-mail lists, and an online directory of member libraries, staff, and contact information.
 - C. Enhance resource sharing and reciprocal borrowing. This may include services such as interlibrary loan and contracts for databases licensed either in whole or in part by the ALS Multitype.
 - D. Provide regional delivery service on a cost-share basis.
 - E. Provide members an opportunity to be involved in strategic planning.
 - F. Support the sharing of bibliographic data to the extent possible. This may include assistance with the conversion of records to share resources via the regional online catalog.

This membership agreement shall commence January 1, 2018 and will automatically renew each year, except that either party may terminate ALS Multitype membership with sixty (60) days of written notice.

If the Library chooses to terminate its ALS Multitype membership, materials, equipment and other items received from ALS within the last three years will be returned promptly. Any items borrowed from other participating libraries will be returned promptly and/or payment will be made to the owning library for lost or damaged items. The Library terminating its ALS multitype membership shall make no claims against the ALS Multitype.

Name of Library

Name of Institution/Organization

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Signature of Library Contact

Date

Signature of Authorized Institutional/Organizational Representative

Date

Signature of ALS Multitype Board President

Date