

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between **Waushara County**, a State of Wisconsin Municipal Corporation, hereinafter called "COUNTY," and the Winnefox Library System, a public library system organized in accordance with Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereinafter called "WINNEFOX."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, Section 43.15(4)(b), the County may participate in a federated public library system if it does all of the following:

1. Adopts and maintains the plan of library service submitted and approved under Section 43.11(3) and 43.13(1).
2. Provides the financial support for library services required under sub. (2). [43.15(2)]
3. Enters into a written agreement with the public library system board to participate in the system and its activities and to furnish library services to residents of those municipalities in the county not maintaining a public library, and

WHEREAS, the plan of library service for a county... (43.11 [3] [c]) shall provide for library services to residents of those municipalities in the county not maintaining a public library under Chapter 43. The services shall include full access to public libraries in the county participating in the public library system. The plan shall specify the method and level of funding to be provided by the county to implement the services described in the plan and shall describe the services to be provided by the public library system and the allocation of state and county aid to fund those services, and

WHEREAS, Winnefox has been organized and operates as a federated public library system within the meaning of Section 43.19 Wisconsin Statutes, and

WHEREAS, Winnefox must, in order to qualify for and maintain its eligibility for state aid, provide all services outlined in Section 43.24(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Waushara County to contract with Winnefox to provide for the extension and development of library services described in the Long-Range Plan of Library Service, hereinafter called the Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. The Waushara County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Winnefox Library System to negotiate and execute such Agreements as are necessary to implement the Plan attached hereto for the calendar year 2022 and each subsequent year for the life of the plan.
2. The County agrees to participate in the Winnefox Library System and its activities.
3. The County agrees that all of the public libraries in Waushara County should be compensated for serving Waushara County residents living outside of municipalities that maintain libraries. Accordingly, the Waushara County Library Advisory Committee (LAC), composed of the Directors of the libraries located within Waushara County, shall present an annual funding request formulated according to the following methodology:
 - a) Using the Total Library County Funding amount from the previous year, a 2% increase will be applied.
 - b) From this increased Total Library County Funding amount, funding shall then be distributed in the following order:
 - 1) Libraries in adjacent counties shall receive payment for use by Waushara County rural residents as provided in sec 43.12(1), Wisc. Stats.
 - 2) The Berlin Public Library shall receive payment for use by Waushara County rural residents as provided in sec. 43.12(1), Wisc. Stats.
 - 3) Winnefox Cooperative Technical Services (WCTS) shall receive funding as approved by the Waushara County Library Services Committee
 - c) The remaining funds shall be distributed to the 8 libraries in Waushara County using the following method:
 - 1) Each library will receive a base funding amount, which will be the same reimbursement as received from the County in the previous year
 - 2) The libraries' base funding will then increase by at least 2%.
 - d) If the Total Library County Funding increase allows remaining funds following these calculations, those additional funds shall be distributed evenly among the libraries so that all libraries will see the same percentage increase to their base funding
 - e) If the Total Library County Funding increase does not allow for the libraries in Waushara County to receive their 2% increase, then the Total Library County Funding amount will be increased until that need is covered.

4. Nothing in the funding formula shall preclude the libraries from requesting grant funds, or special project funds, for a specific purpose. Approval of such a request shall be at the discretion of the County.
5. The County shall be entitled to membership on the library boards of the participating libraries as provided in sec. 43.60(3), Wis. Stats. Appointment of County members of the library boards shall be made by the Waushara County Board Chairman, subject to confirmation by the Waushara County Board of Supervisors.
6. The County designates Library Services Committee and the Waushara County Librarians Advisory Committee as the Waushara County Library Planning Committee.
7. The borrower registration records of participating libraries may be audited by an official of Waushara County appointed by the Chairman or County Board for the purpose of ascertaining that registration procedures for borrowers are applied equally to both city and county residents. In no manner can an audit violate provisions of sec. 43.30, Wis. Stats. which relates to confidentiality of library records, or library policy.
8. The parties further agree to work cooperatively to further improve public library service to County residents.
9. Winnefox agrees to provide such financial or operational reports of its activities, as the County deems appropriate and desirable.
10. This Agreement shall become effective January 1, 2022 and will remain in effect through December 31, 2026, the life of the attached long-range plan. This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of both parties. The parties may abrogate it only by following procedures outlined in Wisconsin Statute 43.18.


APPENDIX A: Long-Range Plan of Library Service - Waushara County 2022 – 2026

Attachment:

WINNEFOX LIBRARY SYSTEM


WAUSHARA COUNTY

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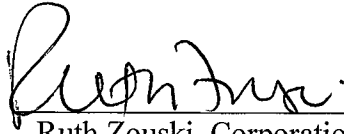


Donna Kalata, County Board Chair

Katherine Freund, President
WLS Board of Trustees



Megan Kapp, County Clerk



Ruth Zouski, Corporation Counsel;

Dated: _____

Date: 11/15/21

**Waushara County
Long Range Plan of Library Service 2022-2026**

Statement of Principles:

1. All Waushara County residents will have free convenient access to all county municipal libraries and their services.
2. The county plan of service or the formula for reimbursement should not inhibit the ability of the libraries to actively promote the use of libraries by all county residents.
3. Participating libraries will continue to recognize a responsibility to provide library services in the most cost-effective manner.
4. Participating libraries will continue to recognize that they have a responsibility and an important role to play in providing programs which foster early childhood learning and family literacy.
5. All Waushara County residents will have access to the resources of other libraries within the Winnefox Library System, and the resources of libraries in adjacent counties. It is the responsibility of the County, in accordance with Wis. Stat 43.12, to reimburse libraries for that service. (Wis. Stat. 43.12)

Library Service Priorities 2022-2026:

All Waushara County residents enjoy the opportunity of receiving service from eight unique libraries located within the county. The priorities and activities listed below are examples of priorities found in individual plans and policies and will be undertaken by one or more libraries.

- I. Libraries in Waushara County will continue to promote library resources and services to all county residents, including:
 - Using local, social, online and in-person media to promote their services.
 - Partnering with businesses, other governmental agencies, and other groups to promote use of Waushara Co. services and resources.
 - Participating in community events to make library services visible to more residents.
 - Highlighting and providing governmental documents and forms.

- II. Libraries in Waushara County will continue to consider services to children and families to be of primary importance. Examples include:
 - Partnering with local schools and homeschoolers on education, literacy and lifelong learning.
 - Promoting programs that support education such as school visits and after-school programs.
 - Providing services for distance learners, such as online access to class materials and proctoring tests.
 - Sponsoring active Summer Reading Programs.

- III. Libraries in Waushara County will continue to be the center of community life for citizens of Waushara County. Examples include:
 - Proactively serving the changing needs within the County.
 - Providing display space and meeting rooms for community organizations, as space permits.
 - Meeting the needs of visitors and parttime residents to the community.

- IV. Libraries in Waushara County will continue providing access to information technology to all citizens of the county. Examples include:
 - Promoting information literacy.
 - Providing information in a variety of formats.
 - Exploring and adopting new technologies to improve library services.

- V. Libraries in Waushara County will continue to provide inclusive services. Examples include:
 - Forming partnerships with other public and private service providers.

- Providing services to organizations such as day care centers, care facilities, and senior centers.
- Serving as a resource for job seekers in their search for employment.

VI. Libraries in Waushara County will continue to provide diverse, curated collections serving the varied needs of the county. Examples include:

- Offering Interlibrary loan on materials individual libraries do not own.
- Purchasing materials and weeding collections in response to the needs and wants of patrons of all ages.
- Contributing to the Winnefox Advantage and Statewide Overdrive digital collection.
- Highlighting and promoting electronic resources.