

Reciprocal Borrowing Covenant

**WHEREAS**, it is to the advantage of the people of Indiana that intellectual materials be accessible to them; and

**WHEREAS**, public libraries have been developed to promote access to intellectual materials available in organized collections of such materials in locally supported public libraries; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties to this agreement desire to fulfill their obligations and purposes in this regard do

**HEREBY**, covenant between them on behalf of the people in their library district to permit any person holding a valid resident borrower’s card from any library which is a party to the Covenant access to circulating materials, such an arrangement being generally referred to as reciprocal borrowing, subject only to the conditions set forth here following:

1. Users of this arrangement are expected to
  - a. Conform to the rules and regulations of the institution from which they borrow
  - b. Present a valid resident borrower’s card issued by their local library as evidence of their eligibility for this service; and
  - c. Pay promptly all delinquency charges which may accrue against them
2. Participating libraries agree to assist each other, if necessary (on request) in recovering materials.
3. Participating libraries may limit this activity to specific eligible materials at their discretion, but are encouraged to provide unlimited access.
4. Participating libraries are not required to take reserves or initiate interlibrary loan requests for reciprocal borrowers.

This covenant becomes effective on the latest date shown below and shall remain in force until either party wishes it modified or canceled. A copy of this agreement shall be filed with the Indiana State Library upon signing, whereas to facilitate the compilation of a statewide listing of participating libraries.

\_\_\_\_\_ Public Library

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Librarian

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ President

Board of Trustees