AGREEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM – UPDATED X/X/2026

Grand Rapids Area Library, located in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, by initiating membership in the Arrowhead Library System, agrees to use the free services of the System, and, by so doing, agrees to extend library service without charge to all residents of the participating counties with the exception of those serviced by libraries which are not members of the System. It is further understood and agreed that other services may be contracted for as provided by the System.

This agreement, dated the 13th day of May, 1987, shall become effective on July 1, 1987, and shall be in force until a 60 day written notice of termination has been received by the Director of the Arrowhead Library System or by the Director of your library.

SPECIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM AND THE GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY TO BE ATTACHED TO THE "AGREEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP"

1. Minimum Services to be Provided by Grand Rapids Area Library
    a. Grand Rapids Area Library agrees to use the automation system selected by Arrowhead Library System.
    b. American Library Association-Master of Library Science administrator with supervisory experience.
    c. Normal hours of operation at a minimum of hours per week summer and 49.5 hours per week winter; i.e., winter to mean "school year".
    d. Will observe Arrowhead Library System system-wide reciprocal borrowing practice.
    e. Will sign state-wide reciprocal borrowing agreement
    f.
    g. Will actively participate in Arrowhead System Council of Library Directors and Children's Librarians Arrowhead System meetings and will actively avail itself of consultant and continuing education services.
    h. Will include representation of behalf of the nine townships and two cities on the Grand Rapids Area Library Board, but less than 50%. Said appointees shall be residents of the service area living outside of the city of Grand Rapids.
    i. Will report statistics, including use of township residents.

2. Minimum Services to be Provided to Grand Rapids Area Library by Arrowhead Library System
    a. Interlibrary loan and reference service.
    b. Consultant and continuing education services, free of charge.
    c. Mail-a-book for homebound program; But "homebound" shall be defined as physically/medically incapable of getting to a library.
    d. Delivery and distribution service.
    e. Grand Rapids Area Library service area residents will be provided with Arrowhead Library System service area and statewide reciprocal borrowing privileges.
    f. Grand Rapids Area Library may contract with Arrowhead Library System, if it wishes, for bookmobile and mail-a-book services for the residents of its specific service area.

g. Eligibility to apply for state and federal grants and participate in Arrowhead Library System state and federal grants.

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The following programs are all subject to Board change or elimination, upon reasonable advance notice, on the same basis as other member libraries.

i. Rotating collections.
j. Print shop service. i.e., Grand Rapids Area Library pays materials costs.
k. Will explore with and help member libraries facilitate cooperative computer maintenance agreements. Cross-over reimbursement payments may be used for computer maintenance costs.

3. Financing Agreements
   a. Townships of Arbo, Bass Brook (Cohasset), Blackberry, Feeley, , Harris, Sago, Spang and Wabana and the cities of LaPrairie and Warba shall come under the Arrowhead Library System levy for Itasca County and Arrowhead Library System shall return to Grand Rapids Area Library within seven days of its receipt from the county whatever the levy may produce in these jurisdictions. The City of Grand Rapids and these jurisdictions shall be known as the Grand Rapids service area. (see Nov 1987 addendum)
   b. Grand Rapids will receive crossover reimbursement on borrowers who reside outside of the Grand Rapids Service area. With the understanding that (a) "borrowers" means Arrowhead Library System borrowers, and (b) The crossover program for member libraries is subject to Board revision and possible elimination.
   c. The services and crossover reimbursement to be provided to the Grand Rapids Area Library by Arrowhead Library System shall not exceed in dollar value whatever new state and federal aid the agreement generates for Arrowhead Library System.

4. Other
   a. Itasca County commissioners shall be eligible to appoint one member to the Arrowhead Library System Governing Board.
   b. Grand Rapids will not act to expand its service area and Arrowhead Library System will take no action having the effect of reducing the Grand Rapids service area.
   c. Terms of agreement: The same as that signed by other member libraries, plus this special agreement.
   d. The proposed agreement is conditional upon the acceptance of necessary changes in the Arrowhead Library System master contract by the boards of county commissioners of the seven counties which Arrowhead Library System services.