



System Resource Library Agreement between Monarch Library System and Mead Public Library January 2026 – December 2026

This agreement is entered into by the Board of Trustees, Mead Public Library (LIBRARY) and the Board of Trustees, Monarch Library System (SYSTEM) under the authority of Wisconsin Statutes Section 43.16 and 66.0301 as amended.

WHEREAS, the Mead Public Library is legally established, lies within a participating county of, and is a member of the Monarch Library System, and

WHEREAS the Mead Public Library meets the statutory requirements to serve and to be compensated for its services as the resource library in the Monarch Library System, and

WHEREAS the Monarch Library System is organized as a federated library system to provide improved services to libraries and residents of Dodge, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, and Washington counties, and

WHEREAS the Monarch Library System reviewed Resource Library Services with its member libraries based on information collected by the shared library automation system, now.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREES, by the Mead Public Library and the Monarch Library System:

That the Mead Public Library shall serve as the Resource Library of the Monarch Library System and the provisions contained in the contract shall cover the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

That the Mead Public Library agrees to provide staff, space, and support to meet the library system service requirement [Wis. Stat. 43.2412Mb], as well as additional mutually agreed upon services including:

- Sharing expertise, training, and documentation of traditional library functions such as collection development and acquisitions, readers advisory, reference and information literacy, youth and adult services, and shared electronic collection such as Overdrive, RB Digital, and online courses.
- Selecting and purchasing for shared collections: acquiring a physical in-demand collection to reduce system hold times, building specialized nonfiction collections to enhance breath, and supporting a shared e-book and e-audio collection by selecting additional copies for the adult and JV e/e-audiobook collections per guidelines, providing technical support, and fiscal management.

- Testing or trialing new products or services beyond the current scope of the consortium that provides innovative solutions to member libraries. Sharing training documentation and workflows for new resources acquired by the system.
- Offering subject experts to consult with member library staff in areas such as marketing/public relations, strategic planning and board relations, human resources, financial services, technology, volunteer management, and facility security. Participating as active contributors in system-wide communications including committees, meetups or forums, and other methods.
- Reporting semi-annually on services provided to the system and an accounting of funds expended.
- Serving member libraries by remaining in the 2nd position on the holds queue (behind the In-Demand Library), while other member libraries' positions continue to be adjusted regularly.

That the Monarch Library System agrees to:

- Communicate member library needs to the resource library on an annual basis and take the lead in renewing or modifying this agreement annually in March of each year.
- Compensate Mead Public Library for collection development of popular materials to offset demand throughout the system.
- Tap into expertise at Mead and help connect member libraries with subject experts.
- Compensate Mead Public Library for selected professional and clerical services.
- Provide payment in the amount of \$100,000, and

That the Mead Public Library and the Monarch Library System will mutually exchange expertise in providing library services to member libraries, and

That the public records of the Mead Public Library and the Monarch Library System will be freely available to each other when requested, and

That the board of the Mead Public Library and the board of the Monarch Library System may jointly amend this agreement through formal resolution, and

That failure of the contracting parties to reach agreement for these services for the following year will be Wisconsin State Statute cause this agreement to automatically be extended, provided the Mead Public Library is a member of the Monarch Library System, and that both parties may ask the Division for Libraries and Community Learning to mediate the process pursuant to the aforementioned Wisconsin Statutes if an agreed upon resolution is not reached.

Compensation summary:

(System and Resource Library may mutually agree to redistribute funds from one line to another as needed)

Item/Service	2026 Compensation
In-Demand collection (books, DVDs, etc.)	\$15,000
System Advantage e-book & e-audio holds reduction account (WPLC/Overdrive)	\$75,000
Specialized collections (non-fiction & reference)	n/a effective 1/1/2026
Support staff (paying invoices, reporting, processing of materials or any specialized expertise)	\$10,000.
Special projects (RFID, technology, etc.)	n/a effective 1/1/2026
TOTAL	\$100,000

Representing Mead Public Library

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Board President/Date Signed

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Library Director/Date Signed

System Director/Date Signed