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Organizational Agreement  
for the  
SOUTHWEST AREA MULTI-COUNTY MULTI-TYPE INTERLIBRARY EXCHANGE

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 134.351 authorized the establishment of multi-county, multi-type library systems for the purpose of sharing resources among all types of libraries; and

WHEREAS, the parties of this agreement are desirous of enhancing service capabilities to their respective clientele by virtue of affiliation with the Southwest Area Multi-county Multi-Type Interlibrary Exchange;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest Area Multi-county Multi-Type Interlibrary Exchange shall develop programs of service mutually beneficial to two or more types of participating library institutions; and shall establish criteria and applicable cost considerations governing participation in established programs of service.

Commensurate with the statutory prerogative of MN 134.352; and consistent with the long-range planning objectives of the Southwest Area Multi-county Multi-Type Interlibrary Exchange, the signatories of this document agree to:

Participate in the formulation and revision of a long-range planning document.

Share unique and specialized informational resources - - to the greatest extent possible - - pursuant to the implementation of inter-library loan protocol agreements.

Contribute bibliographic data towards the attainment and publication of a union catalog of multi-media resources and holdings.

Expedite the efficient and effectual exchange of materials via a SAmMIE delivery system.

Support the continuing education objectives and activities as determined by a survey of participants.

Explore the feasibility of cooperative collection development opportunities.

Endorse the establishment of a cooperative reference center to supply the informational requirements of specialized clientele.

In response to the discernible opportunities of logical cooperative endeavor, SAMMIE shall develop and provide additional programs of service - - which shall be mutually beneficial to two or more participating library institutions - - and shall established criteria governing participation in the programs of service.

Be it further resolved that participation in the Southwest Area Multi-county Multi-Type Interlibrary Exchange shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

A. In order to be eligible for participation, an applicant must have a bibliographically organized collection of print and/or non-print resources, with a staff member assigned to assist the user in the location and retrieval of informational materials. In addition, public library institutions must be an affiliate of a regional public library system to be eligible for participation in SAMMIE.

B. It is assumed that participation in the Southwest Area Multi-County Multi-Type Interlibrary Exchange will in no way obviate the responsibility of the appropriate authority of each participating library to provide adequate financial support to meet current and ongoing needs. Where evidence suggests that an appropriating authority has reduced financial support because a library is participating in the Southwest Area Multi-County Multi-Type Interlibrary Exchange, the SAMMIE Governing Board of Trustees shall investigate and render a judgement as to whether or not the participating library shall remain eligible for continued participation in the Interlibrary Exchange. The Governing Board shall use as its standard measurement for maintenance of effort the standards established in the following federal programs:

- (1) Higher Education Act Title II-A for academic libraries;
- (2) Library Services and Construction Act Title I for public libraries;
- (3) Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title IV-B for school libraries or media centers. Special libraries shall be measured by similar standards.

C. It is further assumed that each participant will accede to the responsibility of fulfilling at least 95% of the informational queries engendered by their respective clientele.

D. Applicable fee schedules - if any - shall be determined in consultation with the membership, established by the SAMMIE Governing Board of Trustees and confirmed by distinct sub-contractual agreements.

E. Should a participating library agency terminate affiliation with SAMMIE, the library agrees to immediately return all resources and equipment provided and consigned by SAMMIE; and to return all items, resources, and equipment borrowed from other participating libraries.

The Southwest Area Multi-County Multi-Type Interlibrary Exchange Organizational Agreement shall remain in force from the date of signature subject to termination by either party pursuant to sixty days written notification prior to the effective date of nullification. By virtue of terminating the organizational agreement, a participating library agency forfeits all claims against SAMMIE.

Adopted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of SAMMIE Governing Board President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature & Title of Authorized Institutional Officer or Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature & Title of Librarian or Person directly in charge of a particular library or libraries

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

CHECK ONE:  Public Library  Special Library  School Library  
 Academic Library, publicly supported

Give the following information for library included in this agreement:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Address of Library or Media Center

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax #

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

Number of primary clientele \_\_\_\_\_ (include all potential users. Academic and school libraries should indicate: a) student enrollment and b) number of faculty & staff)