

**Traverse des Sioux Library System  
110 South Broad Street  
Mankato, Minnesota 56001**

**MEMBER LIBRARY CONTRACT**

WHEREAS it is official state policy to encourage planning and development of public services on a regional level; and

WHEREAS the Minnesota Statutes mandates the establishment and operation of a regional library system; and

WHEREAS each of the undersigned are library boards which operate public library service in their respective service areas under the provision of Minnesota Statutes Sections 134.09 through 134.15, and Sections 134.34-134.35, and Sections 375.33 and 375.335; and

WHEREAS the undersigned are authorized to enter into contracts with one another under the provision of Sections 134.11 and 134.12, Subd. 2; and

WHEREAS the undersigned are mutually agreed that a regionally supported library service agency is of great benefit to all the existing public library services by enhancing public library services;

AND WHEREAS, NOW THEREFORE BE IT AGREED that the undersigned by official action of their library boards, do hereby enter into the following contract. There is hereby created a public library service agency to be known as Traverse des Sioux Library System under the following provisions:

1. A Board of Trustees (hereinafter called the Board), to oversee the operation of this contract, consisting of one representative from each county having library participation in the service agency. Said representation shall be appointed by each participating county board of commissioners from a member of a local, county, or regional board in each county. The Board shall meet annually to elect a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; to establish a regular schedule for meetings, and to adopt by-laws appropriate to its needs. In the event any member shall cease to be a member of a local, county or regional library board,

said member shall resign from the Board and a replacement shall be appointed by the appropriate county for the remainder of the term. Any member unable to attend Board meetings for more than two consecutive meetings shall notify his appointing board, and that board shall appoint either an alternate or a replacement as it may deem appropriate.

2. The Board shall have the authority to accept any state or federal funds made available to the regional library agency and any funds paid to it by participating libraries, to disburse such funds for the benefit of library service in the region according to such rules and regulations as may cover the use of state and federal funds, and are adopted by the Board of Trustees. The Board may hire personnel it deems necessary to carry out the service programs it develops, pay salaries, rent, and any expenses deemed appropriate to library development. The Board shall have no authority over any participating library, except such authority as may be delegated to it by the library board of a participating library.
3. The Board shall create an advisory council consisting of the head librarian/director (or a designated alternate) from each participating library. It shall be the function of this council to advise the Board of Trustees in planning library development, in determining how and by whom such plans will be implemented, and in evaluating the results.
4. The Board, with the advice and assistance of the advisory council of librarians, may develop a variety of mutually beneficial projects, and offer them to the participating libraries, either as free services paid for by aid funds or as a subcontract service for which the benefiting libraries will pay. Among such projects may be specific services that anyone or any group of libraries may perform for other participating libraries, and for which the Board reimburses the library performing such services.

5. This contract may be dissolved by the mutual consent of the parties under the following provisions:
- a. By creating and/or designating a successor regional library under the provisions of Minnesota law, and turning Board functions and assets over to such successor organization, or
  - b. Upon written notification to the Library Development and Services of the State Department of Children, Families, and Learning which administers state aid to public libraries, no later than July 1 of the year prior to end of the state fiscal year for which they have received aid funds provided by said office; and providing said office with a plan for the disposition of assets acquired with aid funds.

Library Name:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Traverse des Sioux Library System Board President

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Participating Library Board Chairperson