

## **INTER-LIBRARY RELATIONSHIPS POLICY**

Rochester Public Library recognizes and celebrates the interdependence of libraries locally, regionally, statewide, nationwide, and internationally. Rochester Public Library seeks to welcome library users from other public libraries, and to share materials widely. Conversely, the Board of Library Trustees and library staff initiate and administer policies and practices which encourage Rochester's local patrons to experience other libraries through reciprocal borrowing and interlibrary loan.

### **FORMAL AGREEMENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS**

1. Rochester Public Library recognizes the Illinois State Library and the Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian as de-facto leaders of library policies and practices within Illinois, as provided by statute.
2. Rochester Public Library maintains affiliate membership in the Illinois Heartland Library System, and seeks to be active, as necessary and possible, in library system matters especially where they directly affect Rochester Public Library and its users.
3. Rochester Public Library adheres to the following written policies and agreements:
  - OCLC (worldwide computer database cooperative)
  - ALA Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States
  - Illinois Heartland Library System bylaws, including the Reciprocal Borrowing Policy
  - Network Policies, Database Standards, and other policies as formally approved by the LLSAP User's Group
  - Illinois Intersystem Reciprocal Borrowing Covenant

### **INFORMAL AGREEMENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS**

1. Rochester Library maintains open relationships with other area libraries, and serves in a mentoring capacity as appropriate to ensure healthy growth and development of the area's library community.
2. Rochester Library staff and Trustees participate cooperatively in program and policy development on a local, regional, statewide and even national level as possible and appropriate to the library's mission and budgetary constraints.

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