

RECIPROCAL BORROWING AGREEMENT

This agreement, made this [day] date of
[Month, year] by and between the [] Public Library and the
Passaic County Library System

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, this Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement is based on
the spirit of cooperation and for the purpose of providing our patrons
access to a wider range of resources.

It does not, and cannot, substitute for adequate funding support required by
each institution to serve its community well. Therefore, in order to be
eligible to participate, each public library should meet New Jersey State Aid
standards for acquisition of library materials - specifically, that they be
required to purchase one volume for every ten residents annually. Academic
libraries would be required to meet the standards for either two year
or four year colleges, as appropriate - specifically ACRL standards for
collection size.

The status of the libraries who fail to meet this criteria will be pro-
visional for a period of two years, with the understanding that they
would strive to rectify the situation -by the end of the provisional period.
If the conditions were not met by the end of two years, the
Executive Board would allow them 30 days notice of termination:
and

WHEREAS, a patron with a currently valid library borrower's
card from any member library of PALS may, after this agreement is
signed by the home library, enjoy borrowing privileges with the other
member libraries which have also signed this agreement, regardless of
the patron's place of residence. The borrowers will be subject to the
same library fine schedules for overdue books and the same obligation
to pay for lost or unreturned books as are the borrowers of the
lending library from which the visiting patron is borrowing.
If borrowing privileges thus accorded are unduly abused by any in-
dividual through failure to abide by the circulation regulations of
the lending **library**, the borrowing privileges may be withdrawn

from that individual at the discretion of the Director of the lending library. The lending library may determine which collections are accessible through reciprocal borrowing and if any age restrictions are imposed; and

WHEREAS, in reciprocation the said Public Library will accord borrowing privileges for material in its general circulation collection to any patron who holds a currently valid library borrower's card of another PALS library which has also approved this Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement, regardless of the place of residence of said patron. Each of these borrowers will be subject to the, normal circulation regulations, including fines and fees, of the said Public Library for residents. If the borrowing privileges thus accorded are unduly abused by any individual through failure to abide by the circulation regulations of the said Public Library the borrowing privileges may be withdrawn from that individual at the discretion of the said Public Library Director; and

WHEREAS, each library will be responsible for recovery of its materials loaned to borrowers from the other library under this agreement. However, it is agreed that should specific instances arise in which normal procedures of one library fail to recover materials loaned to borrowers from the other library, the two libraries will cooperate in attempting to recover the materials; and

WHEREAS, the Passaic County Library System will provide reimbursement fees for net plus loans among the participating libraries, all libraries signing this agreement must provide the Executive Board of PALS with reciprocal borrowing statistics by January 30 of each year. Disbursement of reimbursement monies received from the Bergen-Passaic Regional Library Cooperative will be based upon these figures; and

THIS AGREEMENT may be terminated by any member library upon (30) days written notice to the Executive Board of the Passaic County Library System. If the contract is terminated, the lending library may at its option cancel the borrowing privileges of all individuals who have received such privileges pursuant to this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of these presents and of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto do **covenant** and agree as hereinabove set forth.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals or caused these presents to be signed by their proper corporate officers and caused their proper corporate seals to be hereunto affixed, the day and year first above written.

APPROVED _____

DATE APPROVED _____

ATTEST: _____