

PUBLIC LIBRARY CERTIFICATION

This certifies that our library

Flathead County Library
(library name)

qualifies as a "public library"
formed under either Title 7 or
MCA § 22-1-303 through 22-1-317

Attached is the legal documentation
establishing our library under the above.

Kim A. Fisher

Library Board Chairperson

David C. Olsen

Library Director

January 9, 1998

Date

LIBRARY CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Kalispell, has for many years maintained a free public library available for the use of the citizens of Kalispell and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the County of Flathead has for many years maintained in the City of Kalispell a County Library available for use by the residents of Flathead County; and

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that better library service can be offered at lower cost by consolidating the two library programs into one program; and

WHEREAS, Flathead County has agreed to establish and maintain a consolidated library program for the benefit of the residents of Flathead County and of the City of Kalispell; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kalispell in consideration of the assumption of the obligation to maintain such facilities by the county of Flathead has agreed to deliver and transfer to the County of Flathead all of the books, fixtures and equipment presently used in its library operation, and has further agreed to financial participation in the remodeling of available space in order that it may accommodate the additional service required from the combined facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Flathead County agrees to maintain a library for its residents, including residents of the city of Kalispell, to the extent permitted and under the authority of the laws of the state of Montana, which shall be known as the Flathead County Public Library.

financial contribution by the City of Kalispell, except for the annual mill levy by the county for library purposes, which shall be applicable to property located within the City of Kalispell as well as property located outside the city limits of Kalispell not otherwise excluded.

7. The City of Kalispell agrees to waive its privilege to levy taxes for library purposes so long as this agreement remains in effect.

8. This agreement may be terminated for cause if either party fails to perform its obligations hereunder and may be terminated without cause at any time after five years from the date hereof upon written notice by either party to the other delivered at least one year prior to the effective date of such termination. In the event this agreement be terminated each party shall be entitled to return of the personal property it has owned at the time of execution of this agreement and newly acquired personal property shall be divided on a pro-rata basis which shall be determined by the share of the cost of acquisition of newly acquired property that has been borne by taxes levied on property located within the city of Kalispell.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have hereunto executed this agreement this 17 day of July 1967.

FLATHEAD COUNTY

By

Donald R. ...
Clifford S. ...
W. H. Empton

Commissioners

ATTEST:

W. E. Milbrun
Clerk & Recorder

2. The City of Kalispell agrees to deliver all of the books, furniture, fixtures, equipment and other library materials that are currently in its possession, to the County of Flathead, to be retained by it for so long as this agreement is in effect.

3. The City of Kalispell shall levy 3 mills for library purposes during fiscal year 1967 and shall jointly with the County of Flathead, enter into a contract for the remodeling of the facilities heretofore leased by Flathead County for the purpose of a consolidated library and shall contribute the proceeds of said three-mill levy, being approximately \$27,000.00, toward the cost of such remodeling contract.

The County of Flathead shall take possession of the aforesaid books and other property on July 1, 1967, and shall continue the operation of the library heretofore operated by the City in its present location until such time as said remodeled facilities are available for occupancy. The building presently occupied will be vacated within a reasonable time after the remodeled facilities are available and possession of said building shall be delivered to the City of Kalispell.

4. The County of Flathead shall contribute an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 as its share of the cost under said remodeling contract.

5. The County of Flathead shall encourage its Board of Library Trustees to hire the present city librarian as Assistant Librarian in said consolidated library on reasonable terms and conditions.

6. The County of Flathead agrees to provide free library service to residents of the city of Kalispell without further

CITY OF KALISPELL

+ Lawrence G. Bjornby

Mayor

ATTEST:

George Dardlee
City Clerk

INFORMATION RELATED TO CONSOLIDATION OF CITY AND COUNTY LIBRARIES

5/13/66

I. Tax Information:

1. A two mill county-wide library levy (omit Whitefish) would produce ----- \$ 64,360.37
 - A. County taxable valuation 1965 -----\$32,180,369
 - B. Kalispell taxable valuation 1965 ---- 8,199,869
2. Under a two mill levy, Kalispell would pay ----- 16,400.00

II. Budgets 1965-1966:

1. Kalispell city --- \$24,250
 2. County ----- 33,025
- \$57,275

Note: Two mill county-wide provides --\$64,360.00

III. Cost Related to Post Office:

1. Maintenance & services costs City Library ----- 2,165.00
 2. Rent and utilities County Library ----- 2,700.00
- Total 4,865.00

Estimate of total maintenance cost of Post Office ----- 8,400.00
 1/3 of cost for library----- 2,800.00

Unless some mistake or omission has been made in calculations the total maintenance cost of the two libraries should not exceed----- 3,500.00

IV. Areas which would have to be clarified and policy established before consolidation could be operative:

1. Hours schedule of library service.
2. Staff to be employed.
 - A. Cost
 - B. Line of authority.
3. Library program:
 - A. Story hour
 - B. Bookmobile
 - C. Talking books
 - D. Student use
 - E. School-child group training
3. Representation on Library Board:
 - A. as to taxable value?
 - B. as to population?

V. Areas of uncertainty:

1. Construction of Mezzanine
2. Use of basement
3. Exact cost of heat, lights and maintenance.
4. Terms of lease.