

PUBLIC LIBRARY CERTIFICATION

This certifies that our library

Conrad Public 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.

Glenda McKeone

Library Board Chairperson

Dorlene Dushinski

Library Director

10-23-97

Date

An Ordinance to Establish and Maintain a Free Public Library in the City of Conrad, Montana.

Be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Conrad, Montana.

SECTION 1.

That in pursuance of a certain election held in the City of Conrad, Montana on the 5th day of April, 1943 at the General Election of said City as held on said date the question was submitted to the voters of the City of Conrad for the establishment of a Free Public Library for the said City of Conrad, and due notice of said election having been had and made and the canvass of the votes as so cast at said City Election favored the establishment of a City Library, that now in pursuance of said demand as by the voters made in the premises and in accordance with Sec. 5049 of the 1935 Revised Codes of the State of Montana the said City Council of the City of Conrad, Montana does hereby create and there is hereby created and established a Free Public Library in the City of Conrad, Montana, for the use of the citizens thereof to be known as the Conrad Public Library.

SECTION 2.

The affairs of such library shall be managed and controlled by a board of 3 trustees. The Mayor shall be an ex-officio trustee. 2 of said trustees shall be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the council. A trustee shall hold office for a term of two years from the First Monday of May and until his successor is appointed and qualified, provided that upon the approval of this ordinance the mayor shall appoint one trustee, whose term of office shall expire on the first Monday of May, 1944, and one trustee whose office shall expire on the first Monday of May, 1945. The office of trustee shall be without compensation and either sex shall be eligible for such appointment if of the age of 21 years or over. In case of vacancy in the office of trustee the mayor with the advice and consent of the council shall appoint a trustee for the unexpired term.

SECTION 3.

A trustee upon appointment shall take the oath of office and qualify the same as other city officers. The board of trustees shall keep a record of their transactions which at all times shall be open for inspection of any member of the council. The board of trustees shall have full management and control of such library and may provide rules and regulations for the use and protection of books and other library property and shall make full report of their transactions annually to the mayor and council and at any other time required by the council and shall receive books, works of art, contributions and donations suitable for such library and shall purchase books, periodicals and equipment necessary and proper for such library. The board of trustees shall have power to appoint, engage and discharge a librarian, assistant librarian and all employees for such library and to fix their compensation and shall approve all claims against the library fund monthly before submission of such claims to the council.

SECTION 4.

For the purpose of maintaining such free public library, the council shall annually levy a tax not exceeding 3 mills on the dollar on the taxable property in said city for the purchase of books and other things necessary for such library and for the support and maintenance thereof. All such money shall be paid into and shall constitute the library fund. All rents received from library property shall be paid into the library fund. The library fund shall not be used for any purpose other than the support and maintenance of such library and for the purchase of books and other things necessary for such library. All money for the purchase of books and periodicals and for the support and maintenance of such library shall be paid out of the library fund.

SECTION 5.

No person shall maliciously or knowingly and wilfully take or carry away from

such library and book, magazine, paper or other property of such library contrary to any rule or regulation thereof, or mutilate, injure or destroy or deface any book, paper, picture, magazine or property of such library or interfere with or disturb any person in charge of said library at its rooms or interfere with or disturb any person properly using or enjoying the privileges of such library.

SECTION 6.

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not exceeding \$ 100.00 and all fines under this ordinance shall be paid into the library fund.

SECTION 7.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed by the city council and approved by the mayor.

Dated this 7th day of June, 1943.

L. J. Corey
Mayor

Attest:

Maie Flenny
City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PONDERA COUNTY, MONTANA, HELD JUNE 30, 1961

The Board of County Commissioners met in Special Session on Friday June 30th at the Court House at 10 o'clock A. M. to receive the petition circulated for a Pondera County Free Library. Members were all in attendance including Chairman Robert R. Emrick, Commissioners Joe H. Preputin and James E. Sheble, Clerk Louise Kingsbury.

Petitions were presented having signatures of the required number of qualified signers. The Chairman Robert R. Emrick signed the following resolution, after motion was made by Joe H. Preputin and seconded by James E. Sheble that this be done:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PONDERA COUNTY FREE LIBRARY AND AUTHORIZING FURNISHING OF LIBRARY SERVICE THROUGH CONTRACT WITH INCORPORATED CITY OR TOWN.

WHEREAS, a Petition for establishment of a Pondera County Free Library, signed by more than ten per cent (10%) of the resident taxpayers whose names appear upon the last completed assessment roll of Pondera County, Montana, and more than half of whom reside outside of the County Seat, was filed with the Board of County Commissioners on June 7, 1961, and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Pondera County thereupon did appoint a meeting for a public hearing on said Petition, said public meeting to be held on June 30, 1961, at 2:00 P. M. at the Pondera County Court House in Conrad, Pondera County, Montana, and

WHEREAS, for four (4) successive weeks prior to June 30, 1961, the Board of County Commissioners of Pondera County, Montana, did publish in each issue of the Independent-Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in Pondera County, Montana, notice of the contemplated action to establish a Pondera County Free Library, giving in said notice the date and place of the meeting for the said public hearing, and

WHEREAS, at the date and place of said meeting on June 30, 1961, no person or persons appeared to protest the establishment of a Pondera County Free Library, and it appears that the granting of said Petition will be in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pondera County, Montana, that there is hereby established a Pondera County Free Library.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pondera County, Montana, that pursuant to the provisions of R.C.M. (1947) 44-211, instead of establishing a separate county free library, the Board of County Commissioners shall enter into a contract with the board of library trustees or other authorities in charge of a free public library of an incorporated city or town, such contract to provide that the free public library of such incorporated city or town shall assume the functions of a county free library within Pondera County, Montana, and the Board of County Commissioners of Pondera County, Montana, shall agree to pay out of the county free library fund into the library fund of such incorporated city or town such sum or sums as may be agreed upon, and either party to such contract or contracts may terminate the same by giving six months' notice of intention to do so.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pondera County, Montana, this 30th day of June, 1961.

COUNTY OF PONDERA
OFFICIAL SEAL
STATE OF MONTANA

ATTEST:

Louise Kingsbury
Clerk.

Robert R. Emrick
Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Pondera County, Montana.