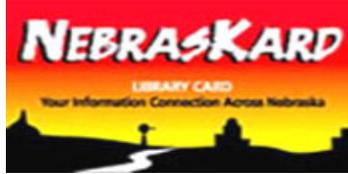


NebrasKard Participating Library Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between the Nebraska Library Commission, hereafter referred to as the Commission, and the _____ Library, hereafter referred to as the Library, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth below.



Purpose

The purpose of the NebrasKard program is to provide Nebraska citizens with direct access to more library and information resources. NebrasKard is a reciprocal borrowing program that allows library users from a participating library to directly borrow materials from other participating libraries.

Definitions

Local Library: A local library is the library that receives funding to serve a particular user. For example, the "local library" for a city resident would be the public library located in the community where the library user resides; a student's "local library" would be the academic library where the student attends.

Transaction: A transaction is the act of a library checking out one item to a user from another participating library. For the NebrasKard program, each item checked out to a NebrasKard user is counted as one item. Interlibrary Loans are not counted as NebrasKard transactions unless the item obtained through Interlibrary Loan is for a NebrasKard borrower.

General Provisions

The Library agrees to participate in the NebrasKard program effective upon the date of signature on this agreement and continuing until the Library notifies the Commission in writing of its intent to withdraw from the program. Either the Library or the Commission may terminate the agreement with written prior notice.

A public library must currently be accredited by the Nebraska Library Commission in order to issue NebrasKard stickers or key chain tags. A library that is not accredited can, however, participate in the NebrasKard program as a lending library.

Library Responsibilities

1. Post NebrasKard signage (supplied by the Nebraska Library Commission) to identify the library as a program participant.
2. Honor NebrasKard stickers and key chain tags from all participating libraries.
3. Sign and return to the Library Commission a NebrasKard Participating Library Agreement form.
4. Inform NebrasKard borrowers about local rules and regulations.
5. Secure a signed NebrasKard Library Customer Registration Form and Borrower Agreement prior to issuing the NebrasKard sticker and/or key chain tag.
6. *For public libraries:* Collect a \$15 non-resident fee (per person) for issuing a NebrasKard sticker and/or key chain tag.
7. Keep and provide statistics about NebrasKard registrations (i.e., number of NebrasKard borrowers).
8. Publicize and promote the program at the community level.
9. Acquire or verify the current address of NebrasKard borrowers.

10. Identify books and other loanable materials in order that loaned items are returned to the appropriate library.

Nebraska Library Commission Responsibilities

1. Provide for the overall statewide administration, coordination, and evaluation of the NebrasKard program.
2. Promote the NebrasKard program.
3. Provide information and promotional materials for libraries.
4. Coordinate efforts with the regional library systems.
5. Appoint and support the work of a NebrasKard advisory committee to assist in program evaluation and development of policy recommendations.
6. Issue and maintain an active file of agreements from participating libraries.
7. Maintain NebrasKard program information on the Library Commission Web site including a list of participating libraries.
8. Solicit regular input from libraries concerning NebrasKard Program results.
9. Encourage sharing of information among participating libraries for continuous program improvement and problem resolution.
10. Establish and maintain a replacement fund for NebrasKard participating libraries that submit claims for losses.

This agreement shall remain in effect until either party notifies the other, in writing, of its intent to withdraw from the program.

By:

Signature

Rod Wagner, Director, Nebraska Library Commission

Name and Title

Date

Name of Library

Date

Return Agreement to:

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