

## **LYNX! CONSORTIUM PROSPECTIVE MEMBER SURVEY**

Membership in the LYNX! Consortium brings both advantages and obligations to participating institutions. In order to ensure that prospective new members are capable of meeting their new service and access obligations, the Consortium has adopted standards by which applying libraries will be evaluated. This survey helps LYNX! Directors to determine a library's readiness to assume consortium membership.

### **Level of Membership**

**Please select which level of membership participation you are requesting**

- Integrated Library System (ILS)
- Cooperative Borrowing
- Open Access

### **Qualifying Standards:**

I. Is your institution a Public Library as defined by Idaho Code, Title 33, (Section 2601-2611 or Section 2701-2729)?  Yes  No

II. Does your library have a current strategic plan (two to six-year) adopted by your governing Board?  Yes  No

Please provide document or link to document

III. Does your library have its own arrangements for internet access?  Yes  No

Please list your current connection information:

- ISP:
- Connection Method (Fiber, T1, DSL etc):
- Bandwidth:

IV Does your library have a full-time library director whose responsibilities do not exceed more than two day-to-day operations?  Yes  No

V. Does your library have a full-time staff member dedicated to overseeing circulation functions?  Yes  No

If the answer to any of these five qualifying questions is "no," your library's deficiencies will first have to be addressed before membership to the Consortium can be further considered. If all of the above answers are "yes," please complete the remainder of the questionnaire.

## **Consortium Standards**

### **Access:**

1) How many non-duplicated hours per week is your facility(ies) open? \_\_\_\_ hours  
[Consortium standard is 48 hours per week]

2) Is your library regularly open any evening hours? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
[Consortium standard is Yes]

3) Is your library regularly open any weekend hours? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
[Consortium standard is Yes]

### **Administration:**

4) Does your library have a current technology plan adopted by your governing Board?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No [Consortium standard is Yes]

5) Does your library have a current collection development policy adopted by your governing Board? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No [Consortium standard is Yes]

### **Collections:**

6-a) How much does your library spend per capita on materials (books, AV, periodicals, and databases)? \$\_\_\_\_ [Consortium standard is \$3.00]

OR

6-b) What percent of your operating budget (exclusive of capital funds) does your library spend on materials (books, AV, periodicals, and databases)? \_\_\_\_%  
[Consortium standard is 10%]

### **Facilities:**

7) What is the size of your largest permanent library structure? \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft.  
[Consortium standard is 10,000 sq. ft.]

8) How far is your library from the nearest LYNX! Consortium library? \_\_\_\_ miles  
[Consortium standard is 50 miles or under]

### **Services:**

9) Does your library offer weekly value-added programs to youth patrons?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No [Consortium standard is Yes]

**Staffing:**

10) How many FTE staff does your library have per 1,000 population? \_\_\_\_  
[Consortium standard is .5]

11) Does your library have at least one staff member with an MLS degree?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No [Consortium standard is Yes]

12) Does your library have designated and trained reference and readers advisory staff?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No [Consortium standard is Yes]

13) Does your library have an MLS librarian to oversee the cataloging function and to oversee or perform the library's original cataloging? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No [Consortium standard is Yes]

14) Does your library have any designated or trained youth services staff serving pre-school through high school aged patrons? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
[Consortium standard is Yes]

15) Does your library have IT staff or regular access to outside IT expertise?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No [Consortium standard is Yes]

Prospective members must meet 10 of the 15 numbered Consortium Standards to be considered for membership.

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