COOPERATION POLICY CONRAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

COOPERATION WITH OTHER LIBRARIES

Overwhelming quantities of information and recreational media available, the speed of change in our society, and limited public funding for libraries make networking and resource-sharing on many levels the only viable approach to providing satisfactory service to local patrons. This Library stands behind the Statewide Library Development Plan and supports and participates in any library cooperative efforts seen to potentially increase its effectiveness in serving its local patrons.

The Conrad Public Library actively promotes cooperation with other libraries to ensure its users access to the information they need.

Whenever possible, reciprocal arrangements are made with other libraries so that the combined resources of the entire library community may be used to satisfy the information needs of the public.

The Library supports planning for and participation in networks of cooperating libraries to share resources and technology, exchange information and avoid unnecessary duplication of materials. The Library also makes available materials from other libraries through existing state and regional inter-library loan systems.

The Library believes that through cooperative efforts, a larger share of the public will better understand the function and value of library service, and libraries in general will benefit from a broader base of support.

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