

State of Mississippi

(Revised 3/22)

County of Madison

LIBRARY SERVICES CONTRACT

This agreement is made and entered into on this, the _____ day of _____, 2022, by and between THE MADISON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE CITY OF CANTON, THE CITY OF FLORA, THE CITY OF MADISON, THE CITY OF RIDGELAND AND THE COUNTY OF MADISON, MISSISSIPPI, acting herein by and through their respective governing bodies, hereunto duly and fully authorized.

RECITALS

The Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of Canton, the Mayor and the Aldermen of the Town of Flora, The Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of Madison, the Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland and the Board of Supervisors of Madison County do desire to give the best possible library service to the citizens within their respective jurisdictions and WHEREAS, Section 39-3-8. Mississippi Code of 1972. states:

"The board of trustees of any municipal public library, or any group of municipal public libraries and the board of trustees of any county public library systems, may, with the consent of the governing body of said municipality, or municipalities, and with the consent of the board of supervisors of said county, contract with each other or among themselves, to create, maintain, and support a joint city-county public library system. Such a contract shall contain such terms, agreements and conditions as may be agreed upon by the board of trustees of the municipal public library or the public boards of trustees of the several municipalities, and by the board of trustees of the county public library."

WHEREAS, Resolution and Order was entered by the Madison County Board of Supervisors in October, 1962, and supplemented on January 2, 1973, creating a public library system for the residents of Madison County, which has been supported by Resolution of the City of Canton on December 5, 1972, and which has been supported by Resolution of the Town of Flora, of the City of Madison and the City of Ridgeland on or about December, 1962.

WHEREAS, Section 39-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated, provides that the governing bodies of counties and municipalities may establish and maintain public libraries in connection with free public libraries already established therein and may acquire necessary real estate by purchase, gift or donation and may erect necessary buildings thereon.

Section 39-3-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, provides that the Board of Supervisors of a county supporting a public library or public library system may levy a four mill tax for the support, upkeep and maintenance of any public library or public library system located in such county and may make contributions from any available funds for the support, upkeep and maintenance of any public library or public library system located in such county. The taxes levied under this Section are excluded from the Revenue increase limitation Section 27-39-321.

Section 39-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated, as amended, confers the same authority on a municipality, except that the tax which it may levy is three mills.

Section 39-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated, as amended, authorizes the governing body of any municipality and the board of supervisors of any county in the state to contract with the board of trustees of any established public library or public library system to receive the services of that established public library or public library system and further specifies the structure and authority of the board of trustees of a public library system and the content of contracts for library services and it is the desire of all of the parties to continue the Madison County Library System as a city-county library system for all of Madison County and its municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the statutes above described and other applicable law, it is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that said participation

by the City of Canton, The Town of Flora, the City of Madison and the City of Ridgeland, and the County of Madison shall be in the form of mutual support of the public library system known as the Madison County Library System, a city-county library, under laws of the State of Mississippi, and under the following terms required by Section 39-3-13 of the Mississippi Code, 1972, as amended.

ARTICLE I

NAME OF LIBRARY SYSTEM

The library System shall be called the Madison County Library System, a joint city-county library system. The headquarters and centralized services for the system shall be located in the City-County Library building called the Madison County- Canton Public Library which is located at 102 Priestley Street, Canton, Mississippi. The system will operate the Flora Library, the Madison Library, the Ridgeland Library, the Canton Library, and the Paul E. Griffin (Camden) Library.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITION OF SERVICE AREA

The Madison County Library System shall provide public library service to those persons residing in or owning property in the City of Canton, the Town of Flora, the City of Madison, the City of Ridgeland, Paul E. Griffin (Camden) Library and the County of Madison and to non-residents of the county according to policies established by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE III

PARTIES TO THE CONTRACT/THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Madison County Library System shall be supported by an annual tax levy and/or from monies from the general fund from the City of Canton, the Town of Flora, the City of Madison, the City of Ridgeland and the County of Madison.

A. The System shall be supported by dedicated millage and other available funds for the support, upkeep and maintenance of the System authorized in Section 39-3-

ARTICLE VII

NEW LIBRARY LAWS, REGULATIONS, GRANTS

The Board of Trustees is authorized to take advantage of any and all state and federal laws and regulations, gifts, grants and other assistance which may be available to further the purposes of the Library System, its employees and patrons.

ARTICLE VII

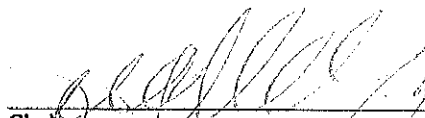
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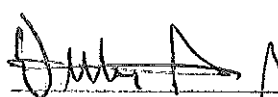
This contract shall supersede all previous contracts and resolutions pertaining to library services and administration with the exception of any contracts or agreements that any of the signatories may have with the Mississippi Library Commission for the maintenance and upkeep of libraries within their respective jurisdictions. All provisions of the Mississippi Code specifically referenced herein shall be deemed incorporated in full, the same as if fully copied in words and figures in this contract. All Code references shall include any and all subsequent amendments thereof. This agreement is further subject to state and federal laws and regulations pertaining thereto, and review by the Mississippi Library Commission.

THE MADISON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM has been in operation since 1962, and has been supported by the City of Canton, the Town of Flora, the City of Madison, the City of Ridgeland and the Madison County Board of Supervisors, and all acts of all the aforesaid parties be and they are hereby confirmed and validated, including but not limited to the organization, operation and funding thereof, as well as all expenditures by and for said Madison County Library System.

Executed in quadruplicate counterparts on the day and date first herein mentioned.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the parties hereto have caused this contract to be duly executed by the respective officers on the day and the year designated above.


Chairman _____ Date _____
MADISON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM


Mayor _____ Date 5/19/22
CITY OF CANTON