

Agreement to Obligations of VALNet Membership

VALNet Library Consortium, Inc. (hereinafter VALNet), a multi-type library consortium including public and school libraries, brought up its first automated online catalog and circulation system in 1988 with four member libraries participating. It has since grown to 19 library systems at 56 locations. Because of the large number of school and public libraries in VALNet, we have a deep and rich collection of materials which can be efficiently and effectively transported through our courier system.

Membership with VALNet Library Consortium, Inc. provides a number of benefits for a library and its users:

- Access to over 735,000 items in VALNet
- An automated, integrated circulation, cataloging, and acquisition system, with ILS maintenance and system expertise
- Courier service which delivers items directly to your library, usually within 48 hours
- Membership in an organization with a culture of sharing – not just materials, but training and expertise as well.

In order to become a member of VALNet Library Consortium, Inc., a library must agree to fulfill certain obligations as follows:

- Know and adhere to VALNet policies and procedures, and those of the larger, newly formed Inland Northwest Library Group [INLG], made up of VALNet and CIN (Cooperative Information Network located in north Idaho), if any;
- Maintain a current and viable collection for its own patrons;
- Loan and borrow materials with other VALNet and INLG libraries (all materials with the exception of those designated as non-circulating);
- Pay VALNet bills promptly and completely;
- Ensure that bibliographic records meet VALNet cataloging standards;
 - How will this be done?
 - a) Hire staff already trained in AACR2 and MARC cataloging.
 - b) Provide training and specifications on how training will occur for staff.
 - c) Decide whether outsourcing of cataloging will occur and to whom the outsourcing contract will be awarded
- Arrange for courier service to and from its library(ies);

- Provide for and maintain any hardware/software/internet connection not specifically stated to be the responsibility of VALNet; and
- At its own expense send a representative to Circulation and Bibliographic Standards Committee meetings.

I, _____, an official representative of _____ have read the obligations stated above, as well as the following documents:

VALNet Policies and Procedures;
Adding VALNet Member Libraries;
Termination of Membership in VALNet

I hereby agree to adhere to the obligations of membership in VALNet Library Consortium, Inc., as set forth in the above-referenced documents.

 Signature
 Authorized representative

 Date

 Signature
 VALNet Chair

 Date