

Intergovernmental Agreement for Library Services

WHEREAS, each of the entities listed on this agreement is either a local library established pursuant to the Local Library Act, 75 ILCS 5/1-0.1, et seq., a school district established pursuant to state statute or another entity with a library; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VII, Sec. 10 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and to the Intergovernmental Agreement Act, 5 ILCS 220/ 1 et seq., and to the respective statutes pursuant to which each of the public libraries and school districts are established, the Governing Body of each of the said entities is empowered and authorized to enter into intergovernmental contracts and agreements for library services and the other entities with a library have the authority to contract for library services; and

WHEREAS, the entities which are signatories to this Agreement wish to cooperate jointly and mutually among themselves to provide cost-effective and efficient sharing of library resources among the Richland County Public Schools and the Olney Public Library;

WHEREAS, the Library Board and the Richland County Community Unit District #1 Board of Education believe that the operation of the Libraries can be a benefit to Richland County Schools, its students and the general public and believe that it is in the best interests of the community to enter into an agreement;

WHEREAS, entities which are part of this agreement recognize the identification of conditions that promote successful, cooperative activities. Among these conditions are:

- a shared vision and common goals;
- a process of formal planning and adoption of policies and procedures;
- ongoing evaluation processes as part of the planning process
- commitment on the part of administrators, decision-makers, staff, and the general public;
- channels of communication to facilitate ongoing interaction;
- adequate funding and adequate staffing, including staff who serve as coordinating and liaison personnel with responsibilities for cooperative activities.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, and in further consideration of the execution of the agreement by the Olney Public Library Board of Trustees and the Board of Education of Richland County School District #1, the entities whose signatures are set forth below hereby agree as follows:

A. Library staff, administrators, and members of governing boards agree on common goals that can be best fulfilled through cooperative efforts. Such common goals and suggested activities as a part of each goal may include the following:

Goal 1: Create lifelong learners and library users.

a. Providing free public library cards to students of RCCU#1.

This will be done in consultation with the Illinois State Library.

b. Promoting joint reading motivation programs and services (One Book One Community, summer reading program, seasonal reading challenges, etc.).

c. Promoting and sponsoring programs that stimulate learning, curiosity and creativity.

Goal 2: Create an awareness of the importance of reading to success and quality of life.

a. Having RCCU#1 partner with the public library to co-sponsor programs at the public library throughout the year with no financial contribution requested or expected. School administrators and teachers will promote these programs.

b. Sponsoring community level promotion of reading and literacy (similar to One Book, Family Reading Night, etc.).

Goal 3: Promote information and literacy skills.

a. Having public library staff members present at a school event at the beginning of the school year to register families for library cards and share information about materials, programs and services at the Olney Public Library.

b. Public library offers tours and orientations for school classes

c. Public library offers programming that coordinates with classroom curriculum

d. Public library maintains collections that supplement classroom curriculum

e. Providing instruction in information literacy skills and basic library use in both the school libraries and the public library (how to find materials, use the online card catalog, how to search databases, etc.).

Goal 4: Establish and strengthen relationships and communication between Olney Public Library and RCCU#1 Schools.

- a. RCCU#1 Schools and Olney Public Library will share the other's link on their websites.
- b. RCCU#1 and Olney Public Library will co-sponsor student book clubs and share reading lists.
- c. RCCU#1 will promote and share information about Olney Public Library.
- d. Olney Public Library Director and RCCU#1 librarians will work closely together to promote reading, programs, etc. for the youth of Richland County.

Library programs and events that are targeted to the student population (school announcements, newsletters, websites, social media, posters, etc.).

Terms and Conditions:

This agreement is for the FY 2026 – FY 2027 school year.

RCCU#1 students who apply for a library card under this program must complete the usual registration process to obtain a library card. Their parent or legal guardian is responsible for all materials borrowed by the student and is responsible for paying any and all charges on their child's account as indicated by their signature on the registration card. Student cards are limited to five checkouts at a time per card.

At the end of the agreement term, the library director, school board superintendent, and both the library board and the school board will evaluate the success of the pilot program and determine if the program will be offered in subsequent years. Either entity (the school board or the library board) can withdraw from the agreement at any time, for any reason.

Any specification, description, or objective in this agreement concerning the operation of the intergovernmental agreement is a statement of the understanding of the parties as

to the design and service objectives of the two agencies, and does not create an express or implied warranty that the agreement does or will always continue to operate as described. Neither party to this agreement, including their officers, governing board members, employees, and agents, shall be liable in any way for delays, failure in performance, loss or damage due to causes beyond such party's reasonable control.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have caused the Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officials.

Olney Public Library: Olney, Illinois

BY: Logan Braddock

ITS: Director

DATE: 8/12/2026

RCCU #1: Olney, Illinois

BY: _____

ITS: _____

DATE: _____