RESOLUTION TO RENEW OCLC CATALOGING, WORLDSHARE ILL AND ACCESS SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, The Cleveland Public Library has purchased OCLC cataloging records for many years from OhioNet, a subsidiary of OCLC; and

WHEREAS, The Cleveland Public Library’s Interlibrary Loan and resource sharing services use OCLC software and require access to OCLC’s WorldCat database; and

WHEREAS, The Cleveland Public Library acquires OCLC cataloging records and resource sharing services on an annual subscription basis; and

WHEREAS, OCLC is a sole source provider for OCLC cataloging records and resource sharing services; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the subscription renewal for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for OCLC Cataloging and Metadata Subscription of $262,611.96 and OCLC WorldShare ILL Subscription of $7,182.96, for a total amount not to exceed $269,794.92, with the expenditure being charged to the General Fund, Account 14140053-53800 Library Material Control; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director, CEO, or his designee, is authorized to enter into such agreements and execute other instruments or documents necessary or appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution, subject to the approval of the Chief Legal Officer.
Greetings,

Thank you for your continued work to support your institution and community during the most unusual time in recent history. These are certainly times we will remember for the rest of our lives.

The speed at which things have changed has been unprecedented. We know that libraries are dealing with many challenges and are being asked to find ways to manage expenses while continuing to provide needed services. We are in this with you and want to help.

OCLC has made the decision to hold prices flat for OCLC services in fiscal year 2021. This means that we will not increase prices for individual or group subscribers with year-to-year renewals for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2020.

We believe holding our prices flat is the right thing to do even though it represents a significant budget cut for OCLC. As a tax-exempt organization, OCLC operates under a model where the costs to run the cooperative are shared among members. Even before the pandemic and resulting economic difficulties, OCLC’s pricing did not recoup the full amount of the costs to run the business. Instead, OCLC relies on its sustainability fund in order to operate at breakeven or slightly positive levels. And we also return investments back to libraries in other ways, including valued resources and services offered through WebJunction and OCLC Research. Unlike other organizations, OCLC is not anticipating government stimulus funding.

As libraries face cuts and painful decisions, be assured that we share in that pain and difficulty and are making the same tradeoffs. Others in the library service industry may operate differently. Large family-owned businesses that tap into private equity investment, public companies with shareholders, and venture capital businesses typically set their pricing in order to generate significant profits to owners.

While we make these adjustments, we are continuing to serve you. We have brought together hundreds of library staff in groups large and small to share experiences, understand changing conditions, and brainstorm ideas. Thank you for your insights. We are revisiting our product roadmaps and identifying opportunities for acceleration of new solutions and needed functionality based on what we believe will be a new normal.

And part of that new normal will be significant economic challenges across the board in education, in public services, and in businesses of all types and sizes. We have been pleased to see the government’s prioritization of the education and learning sectors as part of record-breaking stimulus programs. While the shortfalls will outpace stimulus funds and other aid, it is heartbreaking to see how much funding is going to our member organizations.

We know these are difficult times. And the long-term impact of this pandemic will require us all to continue to prioritize what services we can provide and identify often painful ways to reduce expenses.

We also know that resilience, creativity, and innovation can flourish when resources are constrained and circumstances are challenging. We are part of an amazing community of libraries and library staff who are the heart of their communities, the source of learning, and stewards of the scholarly record. We are in this together and we will emerge from this crisis, just as we have in the past.

Thank you for being part of the OCLC cooperative, and thank you for all that you do for your communities.

Bruce A. Crocco
Vice President, Library Services for the Americas

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We appreciate your subscription to OCLC services and hope you are pleased with the service and the support you have received during the past year. Your subscription(s) will automatically renew on 7/1/2020.

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