

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

June 15, 2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF 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 OCLC is a sole source provider for OCLC cataloging records and resource sharing services; and
- WHEREAS, In 2020, OCLC informed the Library that it would increase the Library's renewal fee whenever a new library joins CLEVNET and cancels its respective subscription with OCLC; and
- WHEREAS, In order to ensure continuity of services, on October 15, 2020, this Board authorized the Library to enter into an agreement or agreements for an OCLC Cataloging and Metadata Subscription in the amount of \$262,611.96 and an OCLC WorldShare ILL Subscription in the amount of \$7,182.96, for a total amount not to exceed \$269,794.92 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and
- WHEREAS, The Library Administration is displeased with OCLC's current approach to pricing as it inconsistent with actual usage of the services by CLEVNET member libraries, and accordingly, the Library Administration desires to renegotiate the agreement with OCLC for the Library's subscription for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library authorizes the Executive Director, CEO, or his designees to negotiate with OCLC for the renewal of the Library's OCLC Cataloging and Metadata Subscription and OCLC WorldShare ILL Subscription for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and to make the final determination to accept the subscription renewal that provides the Library with the best price, and the subscription renewal will be presented for ratification by the Board of Library Trustees at their next regularly scheduled meeting.