

Informational Document
November, 2009



The Facts on Library “Mergers”



THE LIBRARY/JOURNAL INDEX OF PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE 2009

AMERICA'S **STAR** LIBRARIES

LIBRARY “MERGERS”

Methods



Why “merger” is in quotes

- CPL (school district library) cannot merge with CCPL (county district library)



Two Methods

- CONSOLIDATION
- INCLUSION



Difference between “consolidation” and “inclusion”

- Consolidation allows CPL Board to continue as part of “board of the whole” for a short time.
- Inclusion: CPL and CPL Board cease to exist.



Consolidation 1:

- CCPL Board passes resolution requesting consolidation
- CPL Board approves
- CMSD Board approves



Consolidation 2:

- CCPL Board passes resolution requesting consolidation
- CPL Board asks CMSD Board to put on ballot
- Majority of school district voters approve



Consolidation 3:

- If Board of County Commissioners receives petition from electors in CCPL district; **and**
- CMSD Board receives petition from electors in Cleveland school district . . .
- Issue of consolidation goes on ballot
- Majority of CCPL district voters approve **and** majority of Cleveland school district approve.



Inclusion 1

- CPL Board asks for inclusion in CCPL
- CMSD Board may elect to concur



Inclusion 2

- CMSD Board receives petition from Cleveland school district voters
- Issue of inclusion goes on ballot



Bonus Question!

- How close did CPL come to consolidating with CCPL in 1971?



Cleveland Public Library

THE LIBRARYJOURNAL INDEX OF PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE 2009

AMERICA'S **STAR** LIBRARIES

