



SHARE Membership Agreement

Sharing Heartland's Available Resources Equally (SHARE) is the shared automation program of Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) and is comprised of multi-type libraries sharing a database and implementing library automation software. Resource sharing is a requirement to participate. Participation is open to any IHLS member library. Participation is possible through an agreement between IHLS and each member library.

The Database and its hardware are owned by IHLS, and it is IHLS that enters into financial obligations and contracts on behalf of the SHARE members.

While individual libraries retain autonomy over their own operations, participation in a shared system requires shared policy and shared decision making. The _____ Library agrees to abide by the following terms and conditions:

- Accept the provisions of contractual agreements made by Illinois Heartland Library System on behalf of SHARE members.
- Maintain compliance with all policies adopted by the SHARE Members' Group and IHLS.
- Pay promptly all financial obligations arising from SHARE participation.
- Maintain library holdings in the shared database as instructed by IHLS.
- Ensure library staff participation at appropriate training and meetings.
- Notify the Illinois Heartland Library System in writing by January 1 prior to the fiscal year in which the library intends to leave SHARE. There will be costs involved in removing data should the Library elect to leave SHARE.

This agreement will be in effect beginning _____.

Name of Organization

Authorized signature

Name and position of signatory

Date

Illinois Heartland Library System

Name of Organization

Authorized signature

Leslie M. Bednar, Executive Director

Name and position of signatory

Date