

EFFECTIVELY BE SATISFIED BY GIVING SUCH SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF JURISDICTIONAL LINES, IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATES PARTY TO THIS COMPACT TO COOPERATE AND SHARE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE COOPERATION AND SHARING WITH RESPECT TO THOSE TYPES OF LIBRARY FACILITIES AND SERVICES WHICH CAN BE MORE ECONOMICALLY OR EFFICIENTLY DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS, AND TO AUTHORIZE COOPERATION AND SHARING AMONG LOCALITIES, STATES AND OTHERS IN PROVIDING JOINT OR COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SERVICES IN AREAS WHERE THE DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION OR OF EXISTING AND POTENTIAL LIBRARY RESOURCES MAKE THE PROVISION OF LIBRARY SERVICE ON AN INTERSTATE BASIS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE AND EFFICIENT SERVICE.

#### ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS

AS USED IN THIS COMPACT:

(A) "PUBLIC LIBRARY AGENCY" MEANS ANY UNIT OR AGENCY OF LOCAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT OPERATING OR HAVING POWER TO OPERATE A LIBRARY.

(B) "PRIVATE LIBRARY AGENCY" MEANS ANY NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY WHICH OPERATES OR ASSUMES A LEGAL OBLIGATION TO OPERATE A LIBRARY.

(C) "LIBRARY AGREEMENT" MEANS A CONTRACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERSTATE LIBRARY DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THIS COMPACT OR PROVIDING FOR THE JOINT OR COOPERATIVE FURNISHING OF LIBRARY SERVICES.

#### ARTICLE III. INTERSTATE LIBRARY DISTRICTS

(A) ANY ONE OR MORE PUBLIC LIBRARY AGENCIES IN A PARTY STATE IN COOPERATION WITH ANY PUBLIC LIBRARY AGENCY OR AGENCIES IN ONE OR MORE OTHER PARTY STATES MAY ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN INTERSTATE LIBRARY DISTRICT. SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT AND ANY OTHER LAWS OF THE PARTY STATES WHICH PURSUANT HERETO REMAIN APPLICABLE, SUCH DISTRICT MAY ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE SOME OR ALL OF THE LIBRARY FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR THE AREA CONCERNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A LIBRARY AGREEMENT THEREFOR. ANY PRIVATE LIBRARY AGENCY OR AGENCIES WITHIN AN INTERSTATE LIBRARY DISTRICT MAY COOPERATE THEREWITH, ASSUME DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS THERETO, AND RECEIVE BENEFITS THEREFROM AS PROVIDED IN ANY LIBRARY AGREEMENT TO WHICH SUCH AGENCY OR AGENCIES BECOME PARTY.

(B) WITHIN AN INTERSTATE LIBRARY DISTRICT, AND AS PROVIDED BY A LIBRARY AGREEMENT, THE PERFORMANCE OF LIBRARY FUNCTIONS MAY BE UNDERTAKEN ON A JOINT OR COOPERATIVE BASIS OR MAY BE UNDERTAKEN BY MEANS OF ONE OR MORE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN OR AMONG PUBLIC OR PRIVATE LIBRARY AGENCIES FOR THE EXTENSION OF LIBRARY PRIVILEGES TO THE USE OF FACILITIES OR SERVICES OPERATED OR RENDERED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE INDIVIDUAL LIBRARY AGENCIES.