

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
COMMUNITY LIBRARIES OF PROVIDENCE AND
UNITED SERVICE AND ALLIED WORKERS OF RHODE ISLAND (USAW)
LIBRARIANS, SPECIALISTS, CLERKS (LSC)

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This AGREEMENT made as of this first day of July 1, 2022, by and between THE COMMUNITY LIBRARIES OF PROVIDENCE, herein called the “Library” and UNITED SERVICE & ALLIED WORKERS OF RHODE ISLAND hereinafter called the “UNION.”

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of this Agreement to promote good relations between the Library, the Union, and the employees represented by the Union and to make clear the basic provisions upon which such relations depend; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of both the Library and the Union to work together to provide and maintain mutually satisfactory terms and conditions of employment and to prevent as well as adjust misunderstandings or grievances relating to employment; and

WHEREAS, both the Library and the Union believe in and accept bargaining as a means of carrying out the purpose and intent of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of their mutual assent hereto as the terms and provisions of the contract between them, the Library and the Union agree as follows:

I. Recognition of the Union

The Library recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining agency for all full-time and regular part-time professional and non-professional employees employed by the Library at its various locations, excluding literacy employees, maintenance employees, managerial employees, office manager, assistant director, development director, youth services coordinator, regional supervisors, department heads, IT director, human resources specialist, library director, messenger/page, READ Teen, E Teen, secretary, senior accountant, senior human resource administrator, Program Coordinator, confidential employees, guards and supervisors for the purpose of all bargaining with respect to wages, hours and working conditions.

The Library accordingly will make reasonable arrangements to enable representatives of the Union to confer with representatives of the Library during working hours. The Library will also arrange for representatives of the Union to confer with bargaining unit members or with cognizant supervisors and managers in connection with grievances or other matters directly relating to the Agreement between the parties, during working hours. The HR Manager will be notified of all meeting dates as early as possible, in writing.

The Union may designate up to four (4) Stewards in writing to the Human Resources Manager. The Steward wishing to confer with an employee on Union business during working hours shall make arrangements to do so, in writing, with one of PCL’s Systems Coordinators or Library Supervisor. Subject to prior arrangements with his or her

Supervisor, the Steward shall be allowed, without loss of pay, up to four (4) hours of regular working time per month, to confer with Union members on Union business during working hours. All hours spent on Union business will be tracked and entered into a spreadsheet.

II. Union Membership

1. All employees covered by this Agreement shall become members of the Union as a condition of continued employment within 30 days following the signing of this Agreement or within 30 days of their employment, whichever is later, and thereafter maintain their membership in the union. The obligation to become and remain a member is defined as the duty to tender the periodic dues and initiation fees uniformly required by the Union.

2. The Union will accept all employees who are covered by this Agreement as members on the same terms and conditions as generally applicable to other members.

3. Should the Union encounter an employee who fails to become or remain a member of the Union, they may inform the Library and the employee, whereupon if after 30 calendar days the employee has still not paid either the dues or initiation fees required, the Library agrees to discharge the employee.

4. The Union agrees to indemnify and save the Library harmless against any and all claims, demands or other forms of liability that may arise out of any action taken in fulfilling the terms of this section.

5. The Library shall cooperate with the Union in the collection of an initiation fee and dues by recognizing the Union's initiation fee and dues check-off forms and deducting those initiation fees and dues promptly upon receipt. Dues will be deducted in the second payroll of each calendar month. The Library shall pay all sums deducted to the Union during the month in which they are deducted. The Treasurer of the Union shall inform the Library annually or whenever there is a change of the correct amounts to be deducted.

III. Management Rights

1. Except as expressly limited by the provisions of this Agreement, the Library retains all the rights which pre-existed this Agreement including without limiting the foregoing: manage the operations of the Library and direct the working force; hire employees of its own selection; maintain order and efficiency; extend, maintain, curtail or terminate its operations; determine the size and locations of its facility or facilities; determine the type and amount of equipment and technology to be used and the assignment of work; transfer employees; discipline, suspend and discharge employees for just cause (subject to the grievance procedure); layoff for lack of work; determine the number of shifts, the number of days in the work week, hours of work, overtime, and the number of persons to be actively employed by the Library at any time; post and require employees to

observe rules and regulations; determine the methods and scheduling of work, including the means and processes of such work; set standards of productivity and maintain performance records for all jobs; subcontract work; permit supervisory employees to perform bargaining unit work; and, in general, to determine what work should be performed as well as when, where, how and by whom such work shall be performed.

2. The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining, and that the understanding and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, the Library and the Union, for the life of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter referred to or covered in this Agreement, or with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time that they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

3. The parties further agree that this instrument represents the complete Agreement between the parties.

IV. Definition of Employee

Employees hired by the Library on or after July 1, 2009 whose regular schedule consists of 25 or more hours per week will be considered full-time and employees whose regular schedule consists of 20 or more but less than 25 hours will be considered part-time.

V. Seniority

1. Layoff shall be defined as an employer-initiated separation of an employee from service with the Library because of lack of work, shortage of funds, curtailment of services, elimination of positions, or any other reason except for voluntary separation or discharge of an employee for cause. If a layoff becomes necessary, it shall occur as follows:

2. The least senior employee shall be laid off first provided that a more senior employee has the qualifications and ability for the position.

3. Seniority for the purpose of layoff shall be calculated as the length of time each employee has been in a bargaining unit position (including all service for the Providence Public Library).

4. The Library shall endeavor to provide one month's advance notice of layoff. If said notice is not provided, then the employee shall be entitled to one weeks' pay for each week he/she did not receive said notice up to a maximum of four (4) weeks' pay. This

payment shall be in addition to any other compensation or benefits due the employee.

5. Following notification of layoff to the least senior members of the bargaining unit, the remaining employees shall be given the opportunity to exercise the following bumping rights:

6. Employees in positions to be vacated shall exercise their seniority in displacing other employees through the following procedure. First, employees in positions saved who are the least senior members of the bargaining unit shall be removed from their positions; these positions then will be defined as “vacated positions” for the purposes of displacement.

7. Beginning with the highest grade level with incumbents in positions to be vacated and continuing at each successive lower grade level, a displaced employee shall be informed of any available vacancies and/or any “vacated positions” in his/her grade level and may elect to bump into any for which he/she has the requisite experience and qualifications. Beginning with the least senior incumbent’s position in the grade the employee also shall be given a set of displacement options.

8. In no case shall an employee displace another employee whose seniority for layoff purposes is greater than that of the displacing employee. No displacing employee shall bump into a grade higher than his/her grade at the time of the layoff, nor shall s/he bump into a position lower than one s/he previously held in the library. Should an employee decline his/her options or fail to have options by virtue of seniority at any grade level, the employee will then move to the next lower level and relinquish rights to any previously tendered positions.

9. Any “vacated position” not selected by displacing employees shall be filled by recalling the most senior employee with the requisite experience and qualifications to fill the position.

10. Any incumbent to a position who holds “Acting” status and who is displaced by a more senior employee shall be returned to his/ her permanent position before exercising his/her displacement rights.

11. In the event that any employee is displaced to a position in a lower grade, he/she shall be placed in the step which is closest to their current weekly base wage.

12. All employees who are either laid off or displaced shall be placed on a recall list in order of seniority.

13. Whenever a position becomes available, the Library shall offer the position to qualified employees on the recall list who are at or above the grade level of the position in order of seniority.

14. Such notice shall be sent to the employee at his/her last known address by

registered mail, with a copy to the Union.

15. To be eligible for recall, the employee must notify the HR Office of his/her intent to accept the position within five (5) working days of his/her receipt of the written notice, and must report to work within fifteen (15) working days from receipt of the written notice, unless the employee can demonstrate extraordinary conditions which delay his/her return to work.

16. Employees who have been laid off shall be returned to work in the inverse order in which they have been laid off provided that they are qualified and have the ability to perform the work available.

17. An employee's right to be recalled and the right of laid off employees to accumulate seniority shall cease after 21 months.

18. An employee returning to a position from recall status shall have their sick leave restored. Vacancies which are to be filled during the time in which any employees remain on recall status shall first be filled through recall.

19. All laid off employees with seniority rights shall be given an opportunity to return to work if qualified and able to perform the work available before any new employees are hired by the Library.

20. Upon completion of displacement, the Parties will consider the feasibility of requests to convert full-time positions to part-time or job-sharing positions, and job exchanges within the same grade level. Where the Library approves such requests, the affected positions shall be converted, and any resulting available positions shall be subject to the provisions enumerated herein.

21. In the event of a group layoff or a restructuring that results in 5 or more employees being laid off within a 30 day period, the employer will give the Union 30 days notice of said layoffs and an opportunity to state their concerns and suggest alternatives. The 30 day notice in the preceding sentence will not be above and beyond that set forth in the subcontracting provision of this agreement.

VI. Grievance Procedure

This Agreement sets forth the basic terms and conditions of employment and is intended to continue the present and good relations between the Library, its employees, and their Union. In the event of any grievance between the employees and the Library, the representatives of both agree to make prompt and earnest efforts to settle such matter. Except as provided hereafter all grievances shall be handled as follows:

Step 1: The Union Steward and employee shall take up the matter with the HR Manager and a member of the Admin Team (whoever is involved from the beginning) within ten (10) working days after the occurrence first giving rise to the grievance. If the

matter is not settled as a result of their discussion, the steward will submit the grievance to the supervisor in writing, explaining as specifically as possible the nature of the complaint and the contract provision affected. The supervisor shall give a written answer to the written grievance within eight (8) working days of the meeting.

Step 2: If the matter is not settled within eight (8) working days after the first step meeting, it shall be taken up by the Executive Director of the Library or his/her designee and the principal officers of the Union, or their designated representatives. Every effort shall be made to arrange the meeting within five (5) working days, but in any event the

Library's decision shall be given within thirty (30) calendar days after the second step meeting has been requested.

Step 3: If settlement is not reached in Step 2, and if the matter in dispute involves the interpretation or application of this Agreement, or any memoranda or other agreements relating to the collective bargaining agreement, then either party may by written notice to the other, demand that the grievance be submitted to arbitration provided that such notice is given within ten (10) calendar days after the Library has given its decision in Step 2. The parties shall attempt to agree upon an arbitrator, but if agreement is not reached within five (5) working days, the matter shall be submitted to an arbitrator appointed under the rules of the American Arbitration Association. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding, except that the arbitrator shall have no authority to add to, subtract from, change or disregard any of the terms or provisions of the Agreement. The arbitration filing fees shall be borne by the party seeking arbitration. All other fees and charges of the arbitrator shall be equally divided between the parties.

Special Procedure in Discharge Cases: The procedure set forth above will be modified in discharge cases as follows: The Library agrees that subject to the rights of suspension by the Library, no employee covered by this Agreement will be finally discharged without being given a hearing, provided that a request for a hearing is presented in writing and signed by the affected employee within three (3) working days after notice of suspension and/or discharge. Any such request for hearing shall constitute a grievance entered at Step 2 and (shall) be handled as hereinafter provided.

- A. The Step 2 meeting will be held five (5) working days after having been requested.
- B. The library's answer in Step 2 will be given within ten (10) working days after the Step 2 meeting.
- C. Otherwise the procedure will be as above.

If it is ultimately decided that such suspension and/or discipline is unjust, the employee may be reinstated without loss of pay, as agreed to by the parties.

Prior to discharging an employee, the Library shall make reasonable efforts to contact the Steward to arrange for a meeting between the supervisor, the employee and the

Steward. If the Library is unable to reach the Steward, the Library may suspend the employee and will arrange for a meeting with the employee and the Steward held on the next working day. If the employee's condition constitutes a danger to himself, others or property, the Library may suspend him immediately without making any efforts to arrange a meeting with the Steward, except that the Library will arrange for such a meeting to be held on the next working day.

Pay for Grievance Time: Where Steps 1, and 2 of the grievance procedure take place during working hours, the Library will pay for any regular straight-time wages actually lost by the Union representatives and the employee involved in the grievance meeting. The Library shall not be bound to pay for the time lost in attending Step 3 of the grievance procedure. The Union agrees that this provision will not be abused and will be utilized in a reasonable manner.

The grievance procedure and arbitration provided herein shall constitute the sole and exclusive method of determination, decision, adjustment or settlement between the parties of any and all grievances and the grievance and arbitration procedure provided herein shall constitute the sole and exclusive remedy to be utilized.

An employee who feels aggrieved by an order to perform a certain task shall not refuse to perform that task; but shall perform the same and then submit his or her protest as a grievance. Otherwise, a refusal shall be grounds for appropriate discipline, but such discipline shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure.

The Library shall have the right to initiate Steps 2 and 3 of the grievance procedure with respect to any grievance, dispute or difference. Such initiation shall be by letter from the Library to the Business Agent of the Union.

The time limits specified in this section shall be deemed to be substantive provisions and failure to observe each and every such time limitation shall be a complete bar to any further action by reason of such grievance, unless extended by written consent signed by the Library and the Union, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld by either party. The terms "working day" and "working days" wherever used in this section shall mean and include any calendar day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

VII. Discipline and Discharge

The Library has the right to establish and enforce standards of performance and conduct for employees. The Library will follow a program of progressive discipline to insure a fair and consistent method of disciplining employees. Employees who fail to meet standards may be disciplined or have their employment terminated for just cause. Probationary employees (employees who have worked at the library less than 6 months) may be terminated without notice or cause.

During the probationary period, the supervisor or lead librarian will meet monthly with a new hire (more often if needed) to review the job description for the position and

check off the skills that have been acquired and make any arrangements necessary for additional support or training as needed. If, within that six-month period, a new hire decides to apply for a different position with CLPVD, Management reserves the right to extend the probationary period by 30 days. This will be done in writing, using the job description for the new position as a checklist of necessary skills the employee needs to acquire. This will be signed by the employee and the supervisor. This is not meant to be an official evaluation, but a guide to support and direct the work of a new hire.

The goals of progressive discipline are to correct behavior rather than to punish employees. The type of discipline imposed should reflect the seriousness of the problem. Some offenses are so serious as to justify suspension or dismissal on the first offense (illegal acts, insubordination, fighting in the workplace). For those offenses which do not justify serious discipline on the first offense, progressive discipline is applied. In assessing employee conduct and behavior, such factors should be considered:

- A. Employee's length of service
- B. Employee's past record
- C. Mitigating circumstances

The Library will engage in progressive discipline. This will normally involve at least one verbal warning from the immediate supervisor. The oral warning should be documented for the supervisor's record and a copy given to the employee. The disciplinary sequence will be as follows:

- A. At least one verbal warning from the employee's supervisor;
- B. At least one written warning from the immediate supervisor, intermediate supervisor, or the Human Resources Department;
- C. A suspension of 3 days;
- D. Dismissal

Disciplinary notices and/or measures will remain effective for the following periods of time

- A. Verbal notices: 6 mos.
- B. Written notices: two years
- C. Suspensions: three years

An employee may request the presence of a steward at any time during the discipline process. In the event that a steward is not immediately available the Library may suspend the employee with pay if he or she poses a danger to him or herself, others or property for a period not to exceed 24 hours. If a steward is not available after 24 hours

have passed the Library may suspend the employee without pay until a steward is available. If it is ultimately decided that such suspension and/or discipline is unjust, the employee will be reinstated without loss of pay.

Disciplinary action will be taken within a reasonable time frame after the occurrence and from the time his/her supervisor gains knowledge of the offense. A reasonable time frame will range from immediately after the occurrence and is not to exceed one (1) month, depending on the complexity of the issue being investigated or in consideration of availability of involved staff.

The following sequence of events summarizes the normal steps in the disciplinary process once misconduct occurs in the workplace, not to exceed one (1) month.

1. A misconduct occurs in the workplace
2. Management interviews with the employee suspected in the misconduct within a week of notification. Employee may request to have a union steward present during the interview process.
3. Management investigates the misconduct, interviews witnesses and gathers evidence.
4. Management reviews all the evidence and consults with H.R. on the appropriate level of disciplinary action.
5. Employee will be kept advised of status of the investigation on a weekly basis.
6. Issuing the appropriate disciplinary action.

Employees shall not be subjected to public reprimands, except in the most compelling situations.

VIII. Strikes & Lockouts

The Union and the Library agree that there shall be no strikes, lockouts, stoppage of work, sit-ins or picketing during the term of this Agreement.

IX. Non-Discrimination Clause

Community Libraries of Providence does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or any other non-job-related characteristic with respect to employment, volunteer participation, or the provision of services. There shall be no discrimination by supervisors or other agents of the Employer against any employee because of their Union activity or membership.

The Library prohibits the harassment of any individual on any of the bases listed above.

X. Bargaining Unit Work (X)

No employee paid by the Library outside the bargaining unit shall perform the work of unit employees, except:

- A. Managers, Supervisors and Administration may perform bargaining unit work without restriction
- B. Temporary employees will be limited to replacing employees who are temporarily out and, if employed in the library for longer than six months, will become members of the bargaining unit with all the rights and benefits thereof, with the following conditions:
 - i. The temp has averaged 20 or more hours per week for 26 weeks (6 months).
 - ii. Retirees serving as temps are exempt from this requirement.
- C. The Library reserves the right to use volunteers for some non-supervisory tasks which would otherwise be performed by bargaining unit employees, subject to a) filling an identifiable role and b) satisfactory and collegial behavior; moreover, volunteers shall serve at the direction of the local branch staff, and shall not be permitted to work in lieu of a laid off employee, nor shall the use of volunteers be permitted to contribute to the loss of bargaining unit positions.

XI. Employment, Transfer, Promotion

The Library is committed to promoting employees from within the bargaining unit to vacant positions therein where appropriate. Qualified applicants within the bargaining unit shall be given preference over applicants outside the bargaining unit unless an outside applicant is substantially more qualified. Within the bargaining unit, the most qualified applicant will be selected. If equal, seniority will determine.

All bargaining unit job vacancies will be shared with staff via email for a period of 7 (seven) working days, prior to external postings. The Library may hire from within after the seven (7) days without resorting to an external posting. The postings will list classification, salary, hours, and job requirements.

All bids for consideration should be submitted to the HR Manager via email.

The promoted or transferred unit employee shall have a probationary period of 30 days.

If the promoted or transferred employee is removed or requests removal from the new job during the probationary period, the employee shall be returned to his or her former job, without loss of seniority, or benefits. Anyone incumbent in the former job shall also have the right to return to his or her former position.

In the event of a temporary or permanent vacancy, the Library will determine the title to be filled provided the library may elect not to transfer employees with outstanding discipline or performance issues. Current employees holding that title (and qualifications, if the title is generic) will be offered the opportunity to voluntarily move into that assignment. If there are multiple qualified applicants, the assignment will be awarded to the most senior applicant. If there are no qualified internal applicants, the Library may hire from the outside for the position. The most junior person holding the same title will be transferred to that assignment pending the hiring of the replacement.

In the event that the Library elects to change, modify or update a job description, the library will give the union three weeks notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes, modifications or updates before implementing the job description.

The Library also agrees to meet with representatives from the union at least twice during the contract year to formally hear any and all concerns with regard to job descriptions which members have. Such meetings will be initiated by the union.

Whenever it is necessary for the Library to temporarily transfer an employee to another job covered by this Agreement, the employee shall receive his or her regular rate of pay or the rate of pay for the job, whichever is higher. Employees permanently transferred shall be entitled only to the rate of pay for the job to which they are transferred.

In the event a temporary transfer is necessary from one work location to another, it will normally be done by seniority preference within classification. However, if there is an emergency, the library may transfer an employee for a maximum of two weeks during which time a meeting will be held with union stewards and administration to work out the details for a longer temporary assignment. There is no guarantee that the Library will be able to accommodate everyone's individual needs.

The Library has the authority, subject to the foregoing, to transfer an employee to another location for up to 60 days in order to allow cross training, professional development of skill sets, and to assist other libraries.

Use of Temporary Staff:

Priority will be given to replace absent employees with someone of equal or greater classification. If the replacement is out of classification, it will be for the least duration possible. If there is a separate Reference location, and there is no appropriate replacement available, the library will put up a sign indicating that there is no Librarian available and when the Librarian will return.

XII. Health and Safety

The Library shall continue to comply with legal regulations governing safety of working conditions, and will otherwise provide insofar as possible for the health and safety of library employees.

A joint employee-elected and Employer appointed health and safety committee shall be formed.

Parties will review and recommend safety regulations as agreed to by the parties including, but not limited to the following:

- Computer Terminals
- Hazardous substances
- Ergonomic Hazards
- Infectious Diseases
- Indoor Air Quality
- Noise
- Workplace Violence
- Vehicle Safety

BCI (Background Criminal Investigation)

Persons Subject to Background Checks: CLPVD requires a background check on new and existing employees as required by insurance regulations at a minimum of every five years.

Type of Check: CLPVD will contract with an outside vendor who complies with the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), to conduct background screenings to include Federal and State Criminal records checks and Motor Vehicle and Education verification when needed. See Policy for Conducting Background Checks of CLPVD Employees for a full description of the background check process and disqualifying criteria.

XIII. Holidays

The following days shall be recognized as holidays and provide all full-time and part-time regular employees time off with pay at their normal base rate regardless of whether or not it is a scheduled workday. If a part-time employee is not scheduled to work on the day of a holiday, they will get paid a prorated amount based on the number of hours they work during the week.

New Year's Eve

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day
President's Day
Memorial Day
Juneteenth
Independence Day
Victory Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving
Saturday after Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
Day after Christmas

Effective July 1, 2022, all libraries will closed the Saturday before the following five Monday holidays: Martin Luther King's Birthday, Memorial Day, Victory Day, Labor Day and Columbus Day. Employees who are normally scheduled to work on the Saturdays that are connected to these Holidays shall work Monday through Friday for that week.

For those employees assigned to a workweek, which includes a Sunday, Easter shall also be observed if an employee is required to work, the employee will be paid double time for such hours worked if not required to work the employee will have the day off with regular pay.

If an employee is required to work one of the above listed holidays, the employee will be paid time and one half for such hours worked.

Whenever any of the holidays listed above falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the holiday shall be observed on the preceding Friday or succeeding Monday (whichever is designated as a holiday by the State of RI for its employees).

In order to be eligible for holiday pay, a regular employee must work the scheduled shift immediately prior to and immediately following the holiday, unless on approved paid leave. Employees on illness leave on either side of a holiday/vacation day will receive holiday/vacation pay, if eligible, without having the time charged to illness pay allowances.

An employee may observe a special or religious holiday by charging time off to accumulated vacation or personal day.

XIV. Vacation & Personal Days

All former employees of the PPL hired on or after July 1, 2009 shall, upon hire by CLPVD, receive vacation days with pay commensurate with their years of service to PPL and the Library, which the Library and the Union agree shall be granted based on future accruals. For the purpose of determining the employee's length of service, the beginning date shall be the first date on which the employee began employment with PPL. The vacation entitlement for each employee will be credited to him on July 1 of the next contract year, according to the following schedule:

- Professional: 22 days per year;
- Specialist/Paraprofessionals: 17 days per year for the first three years, and 22 days per year thereafter;
- Clerical: 12 days per year for the first 2 years, 17 days per year for years three and four, and 22 days per year after 5 full years of service
- Part-time employees will accrue vacation on a pro-rated basis;
- Temporary employees will not accrue vacation time.
- Rehires will receive vacation time after 3 months of employment.

New employees hired between July 1 and December 31 of each contract year will be credited with vacation days on a prorated basis according to the above schedule based upon the employee's date of hire. Although these new employees will be credited with vacation days on their first day of employment, they will not be permitted to take vacation leave until they have completed six months of service with the Library. A new employee hired after January 1 of any contract year will receive no vacation that contract year. He or she will be allowed to carry over their accrued time into the following fiscal year since they cannot take it during their first six months.

Employees may carryover a maximum of five days of unused vacation time. Vacation days in excess of five days will be lost if they are not used by June 30. Upon retirement or termination, the Library will pay to the employee any and all unused vacation days from that contract year, prorated to the date of termination.

Approval process: Requests for vacation leave may be submitted no more than twelve months in advance. Requests will be considered on a first-come first-served basis, and approved or disapproved within 7 days. Preference will be given to employees who request time off at least a week in advance.

In no event will an employee be required to find his or her own replacement when

he or she is on vacation. Employees scheduled to work on Saturdays are encouraged to exchange days with co-workers to avoid staffing shortages on the weekends. Exception: Lead Librarians are responsible for scheduling and arranging coverage, including planned and short notice absences (including their own vacation).

CLPVD will use the staff member's last day worked (physically present) in determining vacation time payout. Employee must work on July 1 (or first day of the new fiscal year) in order to receive vacation pay for the new fiscal year.

Personal Days

Employees who work a regular schedule of at least 20 hours per week will be eligible for three (3) personal days per calendar year. Employees working less than 37.5 hours per week will be on a pro-rata basis. Employees who work less than 20 hours per week will not be eligible for personal days.

Personal days will be awarded on July 1 of each year. New employees will be eligible to take personal days after 6 months of employment. Personal days cannot be carried over from year to year. Unused personal days will be paid out at termination of employment.

Personal days may be used in one (1) hour increments and can be used in lieu of sick pay. It is preferred that personal time is scheduled in advance but employees have the option of using this time on short notice.

XV. Jury Duty

Following are the rules for jury duty

Any employee who is serving on jury duty must:

- (a) Furnish the Library with a copy of their jury duty summons before taking time off to serve.
- (b) Any employee scheduled to a workweek other than the Monday through Friday, shall be temporarily rescheduled to work the normal Monday through Friday day shift during such time, as he/she is required to appear in court as a juror or witness.
- (c) Report for work on a regularly scheduled workday when he or she is excused from jury duty at such a time as will permit the employee to work at least four (4) hours. In instances when an employee is scheduled to work late hours, time served from jury duty will be deducted from his or her work hours (e.g., an employee who is excused from jury duty at 12:00 pm and whose normal work schedule is 12-8:00 pm will report to work to complete his or her work hours by working the remaining number of hours to complete a 7.50 hour work day, which includes time served for jury duty). This rule will also apply to instances when an employee spends time in court on library business.

- (d) Contact his or her regional supervisor for their work assignment if released from jury duty.
- (e) Jury duty pay shall be limited to one (1) call for Federal jury duty in any twelve (12) month period, and shall be limited to one (1) call for non-Federal jury duty in any twelve (12) month period.
- (f) Appearances in court for traffic or other violations or as a party in a lawsuit may be charged to leave without pay, or to vacation days.

Any employee scheduled to a workweek other than the Monday through Friday, shall be temporarily rescheduled to work the normal Monday through Friday during such time, as he/she is required to appear in court as a juror or witness.

Appearances in court for traffic or other violations or as a party in a lawsuit may be charged to leave without pay, or to vacation days.

XVI. Military Leave

Employees who are members or who become members of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces will be granted a leave of absence (“Reserve Leave”) as required by law for the purpose of fulfilling any required military obligation without loss of pay, seniority status, vacation, sick leave or other benefits to a maximum of sixteen and one-half (16-1/2) working days in one calendar year during which the employee is required to serve in order to keep current his/her status with the National Guard or Reserve Forces. Any amounts paid under this provision shall be offset by amounts received by the employee in return service.

- a. In the event that such an employee is called to active duty, he or she will be granted a leave of absence for the duration of his/her tour of duty (“Military Leave”). Employees on military leave will receive the same benefits as employees who are on an approved unpaid leave of absence.
- b. Employee(s) must give advance written or verbal notice of a Military Leave or Reserve Leave to Human Resources.

Employees returning from Military Leave status will be offered reemployment in accordance with the terms of the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

XVII. Family/Medical Leave

1. Library employees covered by this agreement shall be at a minimum eligible for leave as follows:

2. Family Medical Leave: Consistent with the federal Family Medical Leave Act of 1993, (FMLA) and the Rhode Island Parental and Family Medical Leave Act employees are guaranteed the right to up to 13 weeks of unpaid leave per year for:

- a) The birth and care of a newborn child;
- b) The placement with the employee of a child for adoption or foster care and to care for the newly placed child;
- c) Care for an immediate family member (spouse, child or parent)
- d) When the employee is unable to work because of a serious health condition including prenatal care.

3. The leave year for FMLA purposes shall be based on a calendar year (package).

4. In addition to family members as defined by the FMLA, employees shall be permitted up to 13 weeks unpaid leave per year to care for a domestic partner or anyone where the employee is the legal guardian. The library reserves the right to require verification of the legality of said relationship.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the FMLA:

- a) An employee who takes FMLA leave to which he or she is entitled shall accrue seniority for all purposes during the FMLA leave period.
- b) An employee taking FMLA leave for childbirth, newborn care, adoption and foster placement leave shall be allowed to voluntarily take FMLA leave on an intermittent or reduced schedule basis, as may be agreed to by the library.

6. An employee shall have the option to receive vacation pay during their FMLA leave but shall not be obligated to do so. Employees shall be obligated to use sick leave when the leave is due to the employee's serious health condition.

7. Such leaves and benefits may be extended at the discretion of the Library, not to extend beyond 26 weeks from the first day of leave. Extended leave will be granted only with a note from a licensed healthcare provider officially documenting the need for additional recovery time from a serious medical condition. The Library will not grant or deny such extensions in an arbitrary or capricious manner.

For extended medical leave only:

- a. Staff may request an additional two weeks beyond the 26 weeks if their licensed medical provider states they can return to full duty by the end of the two weeks' time. No additional extensions will be granted.
- b. The Library is not obligated to rehire or hold a position open after termination of employment due to an extended medical leave of absence
- c. Staff who are rehired following an extended medical leave of absence will be entitled to the same hourly pay rate they received at the time of termination, provided they return to the same position.
- d. The hourly pay rate will be adjusted if they are rehired into a higher or lower level position.
- e. Rehired staff will retain union seniority if they return within 12 months of their termination date.
- f. Medical and dental coverage will resume after one full month of employment.
- g. The waiting period for vacation and personal day usage will be reduced to 3 months. The waiting period for sick day usage will remain at 3 months.

8. Health insurance (for up to six months, provided the employee continues to pay their normal co-payment), pension, long-term disability and life insurance benefits shall continue during FMLA leaves and extended medical leaves under paragraph 7 above.

9. Employees on FMLA or extended medical leaves shall have the right to return to their original positions, unless the original position no longer exists. In that case, they shall be returned to an equivalent position.

Any violation either of the FMLA or of any state laws relating to family and medical leave shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration provisions of this Agreement. Any remedies provided for in federal and state laws as well as remedies provided for under this Agreement shall be applicable for any violations of these laws.

10. CLPVD declares an absence FMLA once a staff member is out for 10 consecutive workdays.

Parental Leave:

a. CLPVD will grant two weeks of paid parental leave. The two weeks may be used concurrently with FMLA leave or be used immediately after the 13 weeks of FMLA for 15 weeks total leave.

b. Staff will be allowed to use all of their available vacation time at the end of their FMLA leave (plus 2 additional weeks if they elect to use their paid parental leave at the end of their FMLA leave), but not personal time, to extend their parental leave.

c. In anticipation of needing parental leave, staff will be allowed to carry over more than 5 days of vacation time from one fiscal year to the next. Carrying over more than 5 days must be pre-arranged with the HR Manager and all extra days (beyond 5) must be

used within the fiscal year.

XVIII. Sick Leave

Employees who work a regular schedule of at least 20 hours will be eligible for 13 days of sick leave per calendar year. The maximum number of sick days that can be carried over from June 30 into the next fiscal year is 65 days. Employees working less than 37.5 hours per week will accrue sick leave on a pro-rata basis. Employees who work less than 20 hours per week will not be eligible for sick leave.

Leave will be awarded on July 1 of each year. Employees will be eligible to take paid sick leave after three months of employment.

Sick leave may be taken for personal illness, disability or injury or for the care of a spouse, domestic/civil union partner, parent, dependent child or grown child of any age if they are incapable of self-care or other dependent living in the employee's household.

Absences for routine medical and dental appointments will be treated as sick leave.

Sick leave will not accrue during unpaid leaves of any kind.

Sick leave may be used in increments of one hour.

CLPVD will request verification from a licensed health care provider for any absences due to illness or disability of five or more consecutive days or if there is a reasonable question of misuse. Sick pay may be withheld if a satisfactory verification is not received.

Employee absences due to illness lasting longer than five days will be covered by sick time as available. If an employee is on TDI and has sick time available, the Library will pay the employee's base compensation (gross straight time pay) and will charge said amounts to the employee's sick time.

Health insurance will be continued for a period of six months in the event that a covered employee is out for an extended period due to illness.

Effective as of the date of the ratification of this agreement, a sick leave bank shall be established for bargaining unit employees with a one-time donation of 100 hours from employees' accumulated PPL sick leave. The sick leave bank may be used in the event of serious illness resulting in long-term absence from work. Each employee who wishes to voluntarily participate in the sick leave bank shall donate a minimum of one day each year to the sick leave bank by written notification to the Union and the Human Resources Department within 30 days of the beginning of the fiscal year, or for newly hired employees within 14 days following completion of their probationary period. The donated days shall be deducted from each employee's individual sick leave allotment.

A bargaining unit employee participating in the sick leave bank who has depleted his or her sick leave and needs additional sick leave days as a result of any serious illness or injury may request up to a maximum of twenty working days in any calendar year from the bank for his or her personal use, or the number of days in the bank, whichever is less. The staff member requesting sick bank days must be out at least two consecutive weeks to access the Sick Bank. A letter from an employee's physician verifying the seriousness and long-term nature of the illness or injury must accompany a request for sick days from the bank.

A Labor-Management Committee shall be established to administer the sick leave bank, composed of two labor and two management representatives. Upon confirmation by the HR Manager that that employee request has been verified by a note from a licensed health care provider, the committee shall have complete discretion regarding the number of sick leave days to be allotted to any individual provided the amount does not exceed twenty working days, or the number of days in the bank, whichever is less, per calendar year. CLPVD will follow all HIPPA regulations regarding sick bank usage.

An employee who is absent because of illness must notify, or if unable, have another notify, their Systems Coordinator, Lead Librarian or Department Head at or before the time they are scheduled to begin work on the day of the absence. A procedure will be established to notify the branch or department on those times when the HR office is not staffed. Employees have the choice of texting, emailing, or calling their Systems Coordinator, Lead Librarian or Department Manager when reporting an absence.

Employees who are out of work due to illness or injury and are charging their time to sick leave shall not be permitted to work for another employer during the time they should be working their scheduled shift at CLPVD.

Unused sick leave will be lost when an employee leaves the library. No payment will be made for accrued, unused sick leave. In the event that an employee who loses unused sick leave due to involuntary layoff is subsequently rehired under the seniority provision of the contract, his or her sick leave accumulation will be reinstated in full.

XIX. Leave of Absence

An unpaid leave of absence of up to three months may be granted to any full-time or regular part time employee who has completed at least one full year of employment. Such leaves will be granted on an ad hoc basis, and will be dependent on the circumstances at the time the leave is requested. Each request will be reviewed and considered individually in the context of the constraints that apply at the time, and will be approved or denied accordingly. Granting of such leaves shall not be arbitrarily withheld.

- a. Requests for leave of absence must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the date of the proposed leave. Requests should be submitted to the department supervisor, or the Human Resource Office. Exceptions will be made for emergencies, where such notice

is impossible.

Benefits will not be accrued during an unpaid leave of absence. Employees may, however, continue their group health coverage for the duration of the leave by paying the full premium.

XX. Union Leave

At the written request of the Union, the library shall grant either an officer of the Union or a duly elected or appointed representative of the Union, a leave of absence without pay or benefits, but with no loss of seniority, for a period of not to exceed one (1) year or the period of the elected office, whichever is greater, provided that such operation shall not interfere with the operations of the library.

Such leave is intended to permit the employee to work for the union on union business and may be extended upon written request thirty (30) days prior to the termination thereof.

Unpaid Leaves of absence without loss of benefits or other privileges shall be granted to elected delegates of the Union to attend conventions of the State, Regional and Parent Organizations. Such leave will require the prior approval of the Library. Persons designated as alternate delegates shall not be granted paid leave of absence to attend such conventions.

Paid Union Leave of Absence: Leaves of absence without loss of wages, benefits or other privileges may be granted to the Union negotiating committee members for attendance at negotiation sessions with the Library and related Union caucuses. Such leave will require the prior approval of the Library and will cease upon the earlier of 60 days after expiration date of the agreement or upon a strike or work stoppage by the union (it is understood that any extension of the agreement will extend the expiration date).

Leaves of absence without loss of wages, benefits or other privileges may be granted for attendance at joint labor management meetings. Such leave will require the prior approval of the Library.

XXI. Subcontracting

The Library shall have the right to subcontract. In the event that subcontracting results in a loss of bargaining unit positions, the Library agrees to provide 45 days' notice to the union before signing any subcontract.

Said notice will include an explanation of the Library's rationale for the decision to subcontract. During the notice period the Library will meet with the union to hear its concerns, and listen to suggested alternatives.

In the event that a subcontract is signed that results in the layoff of bargaining unit

employees, the Library will (i) meet with the union to effects bargain; and (ii) make an effort to have displaced and interested employees hired by the subcontractor. Employees displaced by said subcontracting will have the bumping rights set forth in this agreement, or they may receive severance as negotiated by the parties at the time of the subcontracting.

XXII. Invalidity Under Law

If any provision of this Agreement is held to be in violation of the law, the invalidity of such provision will not affect the remainder of the Agreement.

XXIII. Hours Of Work And Overtime

1. Work schedules will be determined by the Department Head.
2. A normal full time workweek will consist of 37 ½ hours of work over 5 days. Employees working a full-time shift starting on or after 12 noon will have an hour for dinner and one 15 minute break and be credited with 7 ½ hours of work.
3. Non-exempt employees will be paid overtime at the rate of time and a half of an employee's regular hourly rate for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) in a day or forty (40) in any workweek. Voluntary work performed past eight (8) hours in a day or forty (40) in any workweek must be approved for comp time earned. Comp time earned must be used within one month of being earned.
4. All work performed on Sunday shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half, without duplication. The workweek begins at 12:00 am on Sunday and ends at 12:00 pm the following Saturday.
5. Exempt employees will receive a salary, and will not normally be paid overtime, with the exception that exempt employees will be paid overtime at the rate of one and one half times the employee's average hourly rate, for hours worked on legal holidays, including Sundays.
6. Travel Time: Travel time shall be considered as time worked when it occurs during the employee's normal hours of work and is from work site to another. Employees who are asked to travel to another Providence library location will be allowed up to ½ hour for such travel, with consideration given for public transportation, and compensated appropriate mileage rate or bus fare. Travel time will be included as comp time (minimum 3 hours) for employees who attend meetings and/or training on their scheduled day off of work.

RIPTA Passes: CLPVD will pay (with proof of purchase) \$25/month to subsidize RIPTA monthly passes. This does not include occasional rides

to work. This program is intended solely for employees who utilize the bus to get to and from work.

7. Telecommuting, Flextime and Alternative Work Schedules: The Union and the Library recognize that productive work by employees can be delivered in a variety of ways, including alternative work schedules, telecommuting and flextime. To that end, the Library agrees to consider alternate methods of work delivery. No one will be arbitrarily denied. Employees may request to work their usual number of hours in a week within the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. and may take a one-half hour lunch rather than the usual one-hour. Employees may vary their schedule, with the approval of their supervisor, within these hours by arranging schedules at least two weeks in advance. Such requests shall not be unreasonably denied. Exceptions to the 7 to 5 schedule range may be approved upon written request.
8. In the event that, due to snowstorms or other Acts of God, employees covered by the agreement are sent home prior to the end of their regularly scheduled shift or told not to report to work, they will be paid for the time lost. Employees who work during hours when other employees covered by this agreement are being paid while not working pursuant to the preceding sentence, will be paid for such hours at the rate of time and one-half an employee's regular hourly rate. Employees who are unable to report for work due to the weather when employees are expected to report, shall have the option of utilizing vacation pay, but shall not be required to do so.
9. Whenever the temperature inside any building reaches 85 F, **OR** the temperature humidity index reaches 85, the library will close. The temperature humidity index calculation can be found at <http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/html/heat index.shtml>.

If the library closes or cannot open for any reason, the Systems Coordinator, Lead Librarian, or CLPVD Administration will consult with Coordinators/Managers to determine system wide coverage needs and will transfer employees to another CLPVD location. Employees are allowed to use sick time if they are sick and prefer to go home. Vacation, personal, or comp time use will not be allowed. Employees will be paid if the library closes within two (2) hours or less of the regular closing time.

10. The employer will post schedules of work for all employees and send the union a copy of those postings.
11. Whenever possible, prior to any permanent schedule change necessitated by business reasons such as a change in hours of operation, the branch or department affected will be notified at least 21 calendar days in advance. The union shall retain the right to grieve the Library's decision to change

such schedules on the basis that it is arbitrary or capricious.

12. Assignments to cover for special events will be on a volunteer basis and will be rotated among the employees with the first assignment going to the most senior employee, the next to the next senior, etc. In the event that there are no volunteers; employees will be assigned to work such events on the basis of reverse seniority.
13. The Library retains the right to establish and change schedules, both in the short and long term. Every effort will be made to provide staff with schedules which include a consistent rotation of weekends and evenings that does not change due to temporary adjustments.
14. In the event a temporary change in schedules is needed the Library will make a reasonable effort to (i) obtain volunteers, and (ii) when no volunteers are available, rotate the selection of impacted employees system wide in an effort to evenly distribute schedule changes.
15. Employees who are on work time will be allowed to attend CLPVD Board meetings on a rotating basis.

XXIV. Bereavement Leave

1. Regular full and part-time employees will be allowed up to five (5) working days of paid leave, including the day of the funeral, when the employee's biological or adoptive mother or father, stepparent, current spouse, domestic partner, or biological, adopted, stepchild, foster child, grandchild, sibling, grandparent, or parent in-law dies.
2. Regular full and part-time employees will be allowed up to one (1) day off with pay on the day of the funeral where there is a death of a relative not covered above. For the funeral of a deceased coworker, any staff member who wishes to attend services, if they are held, will be permitted to attend.
3. If a death of an immediate family member requires the employee to travel over five hundred (500) miles from his/her home, upon request for such a leave, personal days or vacation days may be used in addition by an employee beyond that provided for elsewhere in this section.
4. Bereavement leave will normally be taken within ten days of the demise or notification of date of death of the family member. Exceptions must be approved by Human Resources. At the Library's discretion, employees may be required to provide appropriate documentation to support a request for bereavement leave, such as a death notice or an obituary.
5. Employees will receive pay only for days/hours when they are normally

scheduled to work.

XXV. Meals And Breaks

All employees working a full 7.5 hour day are scheduled to take a one-hour lunch and two fifteen-minute rest breaks, one before the lunch break and one after the lunch break. A minimum of a ½-hour lunch break must be given.

Supervisors shall not mandate that employees take an unnatural lunch hour (for example if an employee works from 9:30 to 6:00 and must take lunch at 11).

Employees working a partial day, which comprises at least four sequential hours of work, will be entitled to one fifteen minute rest break. Rest breaks will be paid.

- a. Lunch breaks are unpaid time, unless the employee is required to remain in the building during lunch, in which case the lunch break will be paid.
- b. Rest breaks cannot be taken during the first or last hour of work, or the half hour before or after the lunch break. Rest breaks not taken are lost.

XXVI. Health Insurance

a. All regular employees who work at least 25 hours a week will be covered under the Library's current group health plan, as the same may be amended from time to time. Employees working at least 20 hours will be entitled to individual coverage (up to 65% as provided for in c) and may apply the same library contribution towards family coverage.

b. Coverage under the plan is effective on the first of the month following thirty days of employment.

c. Premiums and fees for the health insurance will be divided between the employee and the Library. Effective July 1, 2022, the employee's share for an individual plan will be 12% and for a family plan will be 32%.

If an employee is covered under another plan elsewhere, he or she may waive coverage under the Library plan. The Library will pay \$56.50 monthly to an employee who waives coverage.

Healthcare Reopener

The parties agree to meet by October 15 or as early as possible to review and mutually agree upon any changes in health-care coverage for the next calendar year including the plan benefits. The parties may also utilize these joint meetings to discuss any other issues involving benefit modification or improvement. The provisions of the Strikes & Lockouts article of this agreement will remain in full force and effect during said reopener.

XXVII. Long Term Disability Insurance

The Library will cover members of the bargaining unit whose regular schedule is at least 20 hours per week under its current long-term disability insurance plan. The same may be amended from time to time.

XXVIII. Retirement Plan

The Library will provide coverage for members of the bargaining unit under the adopted 401(k) plan, named "The Community Libraries of Providence Savings Plan (401(k))" as the same may be amended from time to time. The Library will make contributions to member employees' 401(k) plan in the amount of 4% of the employee's salary. The Library will also match employee contributions to their plan in an amount up to 2%, for a maximum possible Library contribution of 6% of the employee's salary.

New hires: 401k base contributions of 4% and 2% match will have a 6-month waiting period to match the 6-month probationary period. They will receive the first 6 months of retirement in a lump sum after the 6-month waiting period. However, new hires may choose to contribute into their savings plan at any time. If new hires contribute into their savings plan at any point during their first 6-months of employment, CLPVD will provide the 2% match in a lump sum after the 6-month waiting period.

XXIX. Life Insurance

The Library will provide members of the bargaining unit whose regular schedule is at least 20 hours per week with a \$15,000 life insurance policy.

XXX. Personnel Records and Employment References

a. The Human Resource Office will maintain employee personnel records for each employee. These records will be considered private and treated as such in the Human Resource Office.

b. Employees may review their personnel files in the presence of a member of the Library's HR staff. Employees who wish to review their files must make an appointment to do so with the human resource office. Employees may request the removal of outdated disciplines from their personnel file.

c. The library will make every effort to not release information to outside agencies, except as follows:

At the request of the employee, we will confirm employment status, including job class and title, the dates thereof, circumstances of termination and/or prospect of continued employment to prospective employers, and we will confirm

such information and salary for mortgage and loan lenders.

d. We will comply with legitimate requests from government and law enforcement agencies and in connection with legal proceedings.

e. We will share information as necessary with vendors and contractors to conduct library business. For example, health insurance providers, actuaries, auditors, and legal counsel.

f. The Union will be provided access to personnel records for bargaining unit employees as necessary for them to fulfill their obligations to their member.

We will also share such information when employees request employment references, or wish to have their employment records released to other entities.

XXXI. Wages

RATES EFFECTIVE January 1, 2022

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
L-4	29.95	38.23
L-3	27.47	34.97
L-2	25.79	32.69
L-1	22.30	28.03
S-4	26.48	33.46
S-3	24.36	30.73
S-2	22.30	28.03
S-1	20.96	26.29
A-1	17.29	21.50
C-4	17.44	21.70
C-3	16.37	20.32
C-2	15.00	18.53
C-1	13.93	17.17

To calculate step increase:

max rate - min rate (divide this amount by 5)= step increase

Pay Differential

1. Pay differential shall be used to compensate for work performed in a higher classification, and for work performed as a lead person who is not a supervisor.

2. Unit employees who are temporarily assigned work in a higher classification and which exceed 3 consecutive days shall receive a pay differential increase of no less than the base rate of the higher classification for the hours worked out-of-class.

3. Unit employees who perform work as a “lead” person shall receive a five percent (5%) differential for performing lead work duties in their department. In situations where two regular employees are absent over 5 days at small libraries, the employee who takes the lead shall receive a seven and one half percent (7.50%) differential. Such duties may include, but not be limited to:

- a) assign and reassign tasks to accomplish prescribed work efficiently
- b) give direction to workers concerning work procedures
- c) transmit established standards of performance to workers
- d) review work of employees for conformance to standards
- e) provide informational assessment of workers’ performance to supervisor
- f) orient or train or supervise new employees

Employees will be assigned to a lead position at the discretion of the Library. Employees assigned to a lead position must sign a letter of acceptance. Employees who refuse a lead position will be transferred to another library location to allow for the lead position to be filled. The library location they are transferred to will be determined by the Library Director or Systems Coordinator.

XXXII. Employee Assistance Program

The Library will purchase an Employee Assistance Program for the benefit of bargaining unit employees.

XXXIII. Education and Training

1. The Library agrees to provide unpaid leave for library specific training insofar as such leave can be accommodated at the time it is requested. Such leave will not

be arbitrarily granted or denied.

2. The Library will make available minimum standards training in basic computer skills to bargaining unit employees, including such software as Word, Excel, Outlook, basic searching in Millennium and the use of the internet for patron requests.

3. Professional Development: The parties agree to have the Admin/Steward team meet to identify opportunities and establish guidelines to provide for professional development. Staff who wish to gain library experience can schedule their time to develop other skills. Staff will be selected on the basis of seniority; must do so on paid time, will not be paid outside their classification, and will not be paid overtime. They can schedule work time with their supervisor's permission, which shall not be arbitrarily withheld, and only if doing so does not adversely affect the schedule, and temporary workers do not have to be called in to cover. This does not imply a guarantee of other employment or promotion within CLPVD, but will allow staff to expand their skill set into new areas, and they will be given credit for the experience.

4. Time Off For School: Employees may be granted time off for taking one class per semester. Time off will be granted on a case by case basis at the discretion of the supervisor, as long as coverage can be reasonably provided and temps do not have to be called. The employee must show proof of enrollment, and make arrangements with his/her supervisor to make up the time absent from work. The employee may use vacation time, or time off without pay if accrued time has been exhausted, or make arrangements with his/her supervisor to make up the time absent from work, at the discretion of the supervisor. Once approval is given, it cannot be revoked.

5. Librarian in Training: Specialists who enroll in MLIS programs will change their title to Librarian in Training and receive a 4% pay increase after every 12 credits earned: 12 credits = 4% raise; 24 credits = 4% raise; 36 credits (graduation) = 4% raise.

XXXIV. Duration

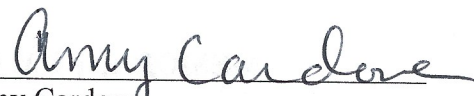
This contract will expire on June 30, 2024, and shall automatically renew itself from year to year thereafter unless, not less than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date of the then current term, either party shall serve written notice on the other of its desire to terminate, in which event this Agreement shall terminate on the normal expiration date of the then current term.

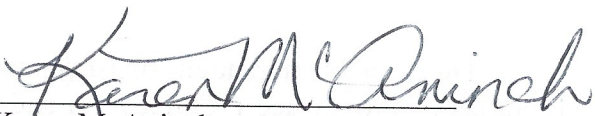
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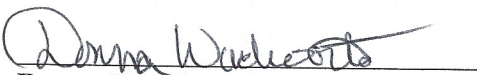
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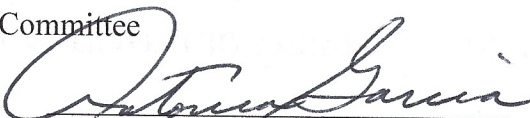

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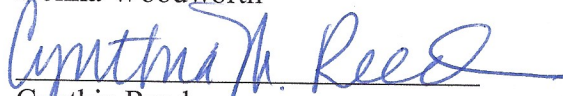

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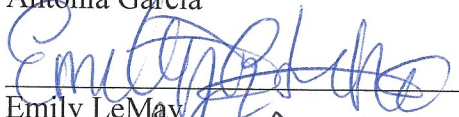

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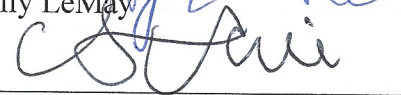

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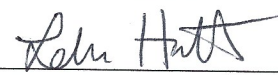

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Past Practice

This is a Memorandum of Understanding entered into between The Community Libraries of Providence (“Employer”) and United Service & Allied Workers of Rhode Island (the “Union”).

The following past practice survives the execution of the contract:

- (i) allowing staff to purchase materials through the Library’s discount.

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