

MONTGOMERY CITY-COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

POLICY GOVERNING LIBRARY PARTNERSHIPS

INTRODUCTION

Collaborative efforts within communities promote civic pride and an opportunity to network for the public good, bringing a greater scope of understanding and appreciation between the groups involved. The Montgomery City-County Public Library welcomes partnerships with institutions, organizations, or businesses to enable the library to better serve our patrons and achieve our goals for program and service delivery within our community.

DEFINITION

A library partner is an institution, organization, or business that supports or collaborates with the Montgomery City-County Public Library in providing programs and/or services in ways that are mutually beneficial to and in support of the mission and vision of both the Library and the partner.

POLICY POINTS

Conditions of Partnership:

- Programs and services resulting from the partnership should be free to the public except in cases of library fundraisers
- Library should have staff time and facility capacity available
- Costs to the Library must be within budget constraints
- Participants and content of programs and services should comply with established Library policy
- Library involvement must be credited in partner's publicity

Library benefits resulting from Partnerships may include:

- Increased program offerings for the public
- Visibility and promotion of services to the partner's audience
- Source for new library patrons and volunteers
- Direct and in-kind support for programs and services
- Website links

Benefits to Partners may include:

- Free meeting room use and set-up for program site
- Library promotion and visibility of partner services
- Delivery of programs and services to partner's site
- In-kind support for programs and services
- Website links

Review of Partnerships:

- A senior library staff committee will review prospective partnerships monthly, or as needed, to make recommendations to the Library Director.
- A senior library staff committee will review existing partnerships annually, or as needed, to make recommendations to the Library Director.

Approval of Partnerships:

- The Library Director authorizes partnerships with institutions, organizations, or businesses by recommendation of senior Library staff committee.

Termination of Partnerships:

- Nothing in this policy shall be deemed to create a contract between the partner and the Montgomery City-County Public Library. Both the partner and the Montgomery-City-County Public Library have the right to terminate the partnership at any time, for any reason, with or without cause.