

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** County Library

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
June 19, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Contract with Library Systems and Services, LLC (LSSI) for Provision of County Library Services for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the attached Agreement with Library Systems and Services, LLC, for the provision of County Library Services for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

**BACKGROUND:** Since July 1, 1997, the Riverside County Library System has been operated under an agreement with Library Systems and Services, LLC (LSSI). This new agreement with LSSI maintains and expands County Library Services through June 30, 2008, with options for the County to extend the agreement for an additional four years.

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Attachments

*Nancy Johnson*  
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Nancy Johnson, County Librarian

Departmental Concurrence

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 13,010,922	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2007-08

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> County Library Fund: \$12,010,922	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Western Riverside County Library Book Funds: \$1,000,000	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY: *Gary M. Christmas*  
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County Executive Office Signature

- Consent
- Policy
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- Policy

Dep't Recomm.:

Per Exec. Ofc.:

**Form 11: Contract with Library Systems and Services, LLC for Provision of County Library Services (Fiscal Year 2007-08)**

This agreement with LSSI is consistent with the direction furnished by the Board of Supervisors, and with the current consensus of the Library Zone Advisory Board and the County Free Library Advisory Committee.

**Key Points in this agreement are:**

**Terms** – The original agreement from 1997, the second agreement from 2002, and all subsequent amendments have been consolidated into this agreement.

**Automated Services and Technology** – LSSI will continue to operate the SIRSI automated library system in conjunction with the San Bernardino County Library System, Inyo County Library, City of Moreno Valley, City of Murrieta, and College of the Desert. The County Library plans to add RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) and wireless Internet access at additional selected sites throughout the system. Newly leased computer replacement program will systematically update computer stations on a rotation basis. New software will improve information access within the library and permit patrons to access resources across several library jurisdictions. LSSI's automation staff will be responsible for implementing these projects.

**Grants** – LSSI will continue to work cooperatively with the County to seek and administer library grants that will enhance library services. All County costs for existing grant funded projects are covered by this agreement.

**Romoland, Woodcrest, and Mecca Libraries** – The LSSI agreement provides for full operational funding of the new and expanded Woodcrest and Mecca Libraries. It also provides full funding for the first's year's operation of the Romoland Community Library, a joint use library located at Heritage High School, through an agreement with Perris Union High School District.

**Library Hours Expansion** – This agreement includes funding to add a total of sixteen hours per week to the Eastvale and Temecula libraries and the Western County Bookmobile.

**Outreach Programs** – LSSI will continue successful programs, including reading readiness projects, English language literacy programs, and outreach to the Latino community. Several substantial grants, which made possible the inception of these programs, have expired or are greatly reduced. LSSI is committed to integrating these important programs into its operations with a small per zone staffing supplement.

**Library Facility Planning** – LSSI's expertise in library planning and development will become increasingly important as the County Library works with EDA, school districts, and communities to plan, design, and develop new library facilities to serve the county's rapidly increasing population.

Current projects underway include a joint use library in Highgrove, to be constructed and operated in conjunction with the Riverside Unified School District at the new Maxine Frost School; a new library in Rubidoux, to be constructed in conjunction with the County's redevelopment agency; a replacement library in Indio, and the expansion of library facilities in Sun City and Home Gardens. LSSI will also continue to work with the County and the cities of La Quinta, Lake Elsinore and Palm Desert as they expand their library facilities.

**Mitigation Fees** – Under the LSSI agreement, the County library materials and book budget will be increased by an additional \$1,000,000 by using Western County mitigation funds collected for the purpose and \$500,000 from the County Library budget for Desert Zone collection development. Combined with the on-going materials and book budget, the County will spend \$1.95 million on library materials in Fiscal Year 2007-2008, significantly increasing library materials for County residents.

**Courier** – The County Library system continues to grow, so does the need for courier service. A fourth route has been added by LSSI to accommodate new libraries and increase resource sharing between Riverside County Libraries and San Bernardino County. It is anticipated that transaction reimbursement funding from the State will cover courier expenses.