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



**FROM:** County Library

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**

June 24, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Contract with Library Systems and Services, LLC (LSSI) for Provision of County Library Services for Fiscal Year 2008-09

**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 2008-09.

**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, 2009, with options for the County to extend the agreement for an additional three years.

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Attachments

*Nancy Johnson*  
Nancy Johnson, County Librarian

**FINANCIAL DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 13,493,086	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2008-2009

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> County Library Fund: \$12,593,086 Western Riverside County Library Book Funds: \$900,000	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

**APPROVE**

BY: *Gary M. Christmas*  
Gary M. Christmas

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dept's Recomm.:  
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 6/19/07 3.6 | District: all | Agenda Number:

ATTACHMENTS FILED  
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: *Lucy Furuta* 6/17/08  
DATE  
LUCY FURUTA

departmental concurrence

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 will continue to add RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) and wireless Internet access at additional selected sites throughout the system. The leased computer replacement program systematically up-dates computer stations on a rotation basis. The installation of a fiber optic network will improve the performance of library computers. 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.

**Zone Operation** – LSSI operation of the three zones includes the incremental cost of introducing a fiber optic network and provides a supplement to off-set rising utilities costs.

**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.

**Western County Bookmobile** – The LSSI agreement provides for full operational funding of the new Western County Bookmobile, including the initiation of Saturday bookmobile service.

**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 will integrate these important programs into its zone operations.

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

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Current projects underway include a new library in Rubidoux, to be constructed in conjunction with the County's redevelopment agency; a replacement library in Indio, the expansion of library facilities in Sun City and Home Gardens; improvements to the Grace Mellman Library in Temecula; and the restoration of the fire-damaged Cathedral City Library. LSSI will also continue to work with the County and the cities of Lake Elsinore and Palm Desert as they expand their library facilities.

**Mitigation Fees** – Under the LSSI agreement, the County library materials and book budget for the West and Mid-South Zones will be increased by an additional \$900,000 by using Western County mitigation funds collected for the purpose and \$450,000 from the County Library budget for Desert Zone collection development. Combined with the on-going materials and book budget, the County will spend \$1.8 million on library materials in Fiscal Year 2008-2009, significantly increasing library resources for County residents.

**Courier** – LSSI will continue to operate four courier routes to facilitate sharing library resources throughout the county.