Whereas the libraries in Florida's public postsecondary educational institutions wish to extend access and borrowing privileges to their resources among currently enrolled students, faculty and staff of public higher education institutions in Florida; and

Whereas the individual participating libraries will provide reasonable access to resources while retaining the right to limit access to parts of their collections; and

Whereas all participants agree to respect the local policies and procedures of individual libraries; and

Whereas provisions are made for evaluation of this program and each institution agrees to provide statistical and other information to assist in documenting the effectiveness of the reciprocal borrowing program; and

Whereas borrowing privileges are extended to students with valid student identification and proof of current enrollment; and

Whereas the home libraries agree to honor the request of host libraries to restrict privileges of delinquent borrowers and provide confirmation of student’s standing to the host library; and

Whereas borrower delinquencies at host libraries will be borne by the home library if the borrower does not voluntarily rectify his or her delinquencies; and

Whereas detailed procedures for the implementation of this reciprocal borrowing agreement are developed and maintained jointly by the libraries involved and by the Florida Center for Library Automation and the College Center for Library Automation, the statewide organizations responsible for the operation of Florida's public postsecondary online library networks; and

Whereas participating institutions recognize the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges (SACS) criterion for accreditation that states “[cooperative] agreements [among libraries] must not be used by institutions to avoid responsibility for providing adequate and readily accessible library resources and services;” and

Whereas participation by the undersigned institution is voluntary and may be withdrawn upon thirty days notice, and this agreement shall be automatically renewed annually on July 1, unless an institution notifies the other institutions in writing of its desire not to participate on or before June 30.

Now, therefore be it agreed, that the undersigned institution will participate in this cooperative library borrowing privileges agreement.

President's signature: 

Institution Name: University of West Florida

Date: 11/18/98