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## **GLENDALE RESIDENTS WILL NOW HAVE ACCESS TO TWO DOZEN MORE LIBRARIES IN MARICOPA COUNTY THROUGH NEW AGREEMENT**

**Glendale, Ariz.** — The Glendale City Council recently approved two agreements with the Maricopa County Library District (MCLD) that will provide additional resources to Glendale residents, as well as save the city money by reducing operating expenses that can now be shared. In fact, throughout the county, Glendale residents will be able to access an additional two dozen libraries.

The first agreement is a reciprocal borrowing agreement with MCLD, in which any Maricopa County resident, regardless of which municipality they reside in, can get a library card from any municipal or county library in the county. For instance, a resident of Glendale will be able to get a card in Peoria, and vice versa. Not only will this provide flexibility and increased services for residents, but it will also provide additional revenue to Glendale. At the end of each year, the MCLD calculates the number of non-city residents using a municipal library for each city, as well as those patrons who use other city libraries and/or county libraries. This amount will vary annually, but based on current numbers, a potential of approximately \$163,000 in additional revenue could be brought in through cash, book purchases and electronic database services.

In addition, a second agreement with the MCLD involves a new software system, or Integrated Library System (ILS), that will be implemented through the county's resources, covering all costs associated with migrating, training and annual maintenance, including upgrades. Since the city's current ILS could be phased out and no longer technically supported, this was beneficial to the city. While this agreement will improve the library's technology, it also will save the city nearly \$350,000 in one-time funds and an annual \$35,000 ongoing in operating and maintenance costs.

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## **New library services**

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Chief Librarian Cheryl Kennedy explains, “These agreements with MCLD are a win-win situation for all parties involved; residents of Glendale will have access to more services and amenities, better customer service, technology as well as flexibility. In addition, all county residents will have an added benefit to frequent Glendale libraries, which have so much to offer.”

The new technology will be implemented over a period of time and the reciprocal borrowing will go into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. For additional information on Glendale Public Library, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library). For further details on the MCLD, visit [www.mclnaz.org](http://www.mclnaz.org).

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