

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

AND

**THE LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

For the Years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

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ARTICLE 1 - PARTIES AND RECOGNITION

Section 1.1 THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into by and between the BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (B&ECPL), acting for itself and as agent for the following Contract libraries:

Alden Free Library
Amherst Public Library
Aurora Town Public Library
Boston Free Library
Cheektowaga Public Library
City of Tonawanda Public Library
Clarence Public Library
Collins Public Library
Concord Public Library
Eden Public Library
Elma Public Library
Grand Island Memorial Library
Hamburg Public Library
Lackawanna Public Library
Lancaster Public Library
Newstead Public Library
Orchard Park Public Library
Town of Tonawanda Library
West Seneca Public Library

AND THE LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION OF THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Section 1.2

IT IS AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO PERMIT ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY AMENDMENT OF LAW OR BY PROVIDING THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS THEREFORE SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE BODY HAS GIVEN APPROVAL.

Section 1.3

The Library, acting pursuant to the Public Employees' Fair Employment Act, recognizes the Association as the exclusive representative of the employees in the following employer-employee negotiating unit:

All full-time, regular part-time and part-time Librarian Trainees and all professional Librarians holding full time, regular-part time or part-time positions as Librarian I, Librarian II, Librarian III, Librarian IV, Librarian V, Library Director I, Library Director II,

Library Director III or Library Director IV in the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System.

ARTICLE 2 - DEFINITIONS

Section 2.1 Unless specifically indicated otherwise herein, the following definitions apply in interpreting this Agreement:

- (a) "Association" means The Librarians Association of the B&ECPL.
- (b) "Board" means the Board of Trustees of the B&ECPL.
- (c) "Branch" means a library operated by the B&ECPL in Buffalo, New York, other than at Lafayette Square.
- (d) "Central Library" means the Library operated by the B&ECPL at Lafayette Square in Buffalo, New York.
- (e) "Contract Board" means the Board of Trustees of a Contract Library.
- (f) "Contract Library" means a library located in Erie County outside the City of Buffalo and identified as such in Article 1 of this Agreement.
- (g) "County" means the County of Erie in the State of New York, said County being the principal funding agent for the B&ECPL.
- (h) "Librarian" means a professional librarian holding either a full-time, regular part-time or part-time position, as a Librarian I, Librarian II, Librarian III, Librarian IV, Librarian V, Library Director I, Library Director II, Library Director III or Library Director IV at the Central Library, a Branch, or a Contract Library.
- (i) "Librarian Trainee" means an employee who possesses a four (4) year college degree and is enrolled in a library school accredited by the American Library Association or registered by the New York State Education Department, or who has graduated from library school and seeks work experience. In accordance with the civil service job specification, experience credit shall be afforded for professional librarian work performed post-degree in the Librarian Trainee title. A Librarian Trainee can be employed as a Librarian Trainee for no more than three (3) years. Any Librarian Trainee who has not qualified for or has not been appointed to a Librarian position after 3 years shall be separated from service without recourse.

A Librarian Trainee may work on a Mobile Library in lieu of a Librarian's presence without violating the above provision. A Librarian will be accessible by telephone/e-mail should the need for professional guidance arise.

- (j) "Library" means the B&ECPL and all of the Contract Libraries listed in Article 1 of this Agreement.
- (k) "Library Director" means the person appointed to such position as the chief executive officer of the Library, or, in their absence or if the position is vacant, the person acting in that capacity.
- (l) "Regular Part-time Librarian" means a librarian regularly working twenty (20) hours or more but less than forty (40) hours per week.
- (m) "Party" means the Library or the Association.
- (n) "Part-time Librarian" means a librarian regularly working fewer than twenty (20) hours per week.

ARTICLE 3 - COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Section 3.1 Compensation

3.1.1 Salary:

(a) All full-time, regular part-time and part-time Librarians and full-time, regular part-time and part-time Librarian Trainees will be paid in accordance with the salary schedules set forth in Appendix A. Salary schedules for each year of the negotiated contract become effective the first day of the pay period during which January 1 falls.

The amounts shown on the salary schedule (Appendix A) are the annual salary, the biweekly salary and the hourly rate, respectively.

Signing Bonus: Upon ratification of this Agreement, all Librarians employed at the time of the vote shall be entitled to the following signing bonus. One time, lump-sum:

Part-Time – \$750
Full-Time/Regular Part-Time – \$2000

A Library Director I, Library Director II, Library Director III and Library Director IV receive the same salaries as a Librarian II, Librarian III, Librarian IV and Librarian V respectively, as follows:

Schedule: Job Group 7 = Librarian Trainee
 Job Group 9 = Librarian I
 Job Group 10 = Librarian II, Library Director I
 Job Group 11 = Librarian III, Library Director II
 Job Group 12 = Librarian IV, Library Director III

Job Group 13 = Librarian V, Library Director IV

(b) A full-time or regular part-time Librarian who has not reached Step 5 of their job group shall be evaluated annually by the Library or Contract Library for movement to the next higher step in their job group. Elevation to the next higher step will be determined by the Library or Contract Library solely on the basis of merit and performance of duties during working hours. Any full-time or regular part-time Librarian who receives a standard or higher overall rating on their evaluation shall be granted said merit increase. The Library Director or Contract Library Director, Administrator, the Contract Library Board of Trustees or respective designee will discuss the evaluation with the full-time or regular part-time Librarian and provide them with a copy of the evaluation as part of the evaluation process. If a full-time or regular part-time Librarian is denied a merit increase, they shall be evaluated again by the Library Director, Contract Library Director, Administrator, Contract Library Board of Trustees or respective designee within six (6) months and will be eligible for the merit increase on the next increment date (January 1 or July 1) following the initial denial.

(c) When a full-time or regular part-time Librarian is first appointed or promoted to a job group, their required period of service is twelve (12) months before they are eligible for their first elevation to a higher step. A full-time or regular part-time Librarian who is elevated to the next higher step shall receive the salary for that step commencing on January 1 or July 1, whichever occurs first, after they have completed the required period of actual service at the lower step. The required period of service will be twelve (12) months for each subsequent elevation in that job group.

(d) Part-time Librarians and part-time Librarian Trainees should refer to Section 3.4 for increment information.

3.1.2 Longevity Increments:

(a) A full-time or regular part-time Librarian shall be eligible for the first longevity increment (Longevity A) after completing a total of seven (7) years of continuous service with the Library and a minimum of three (3) years actual service at Step 5 of the same job group.

(b) Following the receipt of the first longevity increment (Longevity A) a full-time or regular part-time Librarian shall receive an additional longevity increment, up to a total of six (6) (Longevity F), including the first longevity increment set forth in paragraph (a) (above) for each additional three (3) years of actual service in the same job group.

(c) In computing longevity increment eligibility, when appointments are made on January 1, or July 1 and the day falls on a holiday or non-scheduled work day, the increment period will include these days.

(d) Because of the payroll procedures that enable the Library to have a regular pay day throughout the year, the increment eligibility period and pay periods may not at all times coincide. In such cases, the increment date is the first day of the respective pay period during which January 1, or July 1 falls.

(e) When a full-time or regular part-time Librarian, is demoted or bumped because of budget limitations to a lower job group, in determining their eligibility for longevity increases at the lower job group level, they will be credited with (a) any years they completed at Step 5 or Longevity Step A, Longevity Step B, Longevity Step C, Longevity Step D, Longevity Step E or Longevity Step F of their higher job group or (b) the years they would have been credited with at Step 5 or Longevity Step A, Longevity Step B, Longevity Step C, Longevity Step D, Longevity Step E or Longevity Step F of the lower level if they had stayed at the lower level, whichever is greater. When they return to a higher level, they will similarly be credited with the years completed at said steps at the lower level during the interval of demotion.

3.1.3 Promotions:

(a) If a full-time or regular part-time Librarian is promoted, they shall be promoted to the same step in the new salary grade.

(b) Part-time Librarians are eligible for appointment to a Librarian I position in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law. If a part-time Librarian is appointed to a Librarian I position, they shall be so appointed at the same step in the new salary grade.

In the event that a mandatory promotional list does not exist, part-time Librarians shall also be eligible for appointment to any higher-level Librarian or Library Director position which they qualify for upon open-competitive examination. A part-time Librarian who accepts appointment to higher level Librarian or Library Director position shall be appointed at the same step in the new salary grade.

(c) Librarian Trainees are not eligible for promotion. If a Librarian Trainee is appointed to a Librarian I position, in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law, they shall be so appointed in the new salary grade, Step 1.

3.1.4 Temporary Assignment:

Any Librarian who is temporarily assigned to the responsibilities of an encumbered position in a job group higher than their own job group shall receive the salary of said higher job group at the same step as if there were a permanent promotion, commencing thirty-one (31) days after they start working in the higher job group position. If an unencumbered position is involved (i.e. no one has been appointed to the position and it is vacant), the thirty-one (31) day waiting period is waived and

receipt of the higher salary commences immediately upon assignment.

3.1.5 Stipends:

The following annual stipends shall be provided to full-time Librarians currently eligible and to other full-time Librarians when they become eligible, in the amounts and in the circumstances described below:

- (a) Any full-time Librarian who currently possesses or, during the life of this Agreement, earns a second, advanced/Masters or Doctorate degree which is directly related to any assignment with the Library will be eligible for a stipend of \$200.00 per year; and
- (b) Any full-time Librarian who currently is or, during the life of this Agreement, becomes proficient in sign language or a language other than English, and who uses this skill on the job, will be eligible for a stipend of \$250.00 per year. To receive the stipend, the Librarian is responsible for demonstrating to Human Resources use of such skill on the job on a yearly basis.

3.1.6 Transportation Expenses:

Whenever the use of a full-time or regular part-time Librarian's personally owned automobile for Library business is authorized by the Library Director or Contract Library Director or designee, the full-time or regular part-time Librarian shall receive reimbursement. The mileage reimbursement rate will be that which is established by the IRS. The minimum allowance for mileage is four dollars (\$4.00) a day. Toll charges will be reimbursed if supported by appropriate receipts.

3.1.7 Hourly Pay Rate:

A full-time Librarian's hourly pay rate will be computed by dividing their annual salary by 2,080.

3.1.8 Call-In Pay Rate:

Whenever a full-time or regular part-time Librarian is requested to report for work outside their regularly scheduled working hours, they will receive a minimum of three (3) hours' straight-time pay.

3.1.9 Pay Period:

- (a) Subject to the right of Contract Library Boards to establish other pay periods, salaries and other payments to Librarians shall be paid every two (2) weeks. In the event a scheduled payday falls on a holiday, the immediately preceding weekday shall become the payday.

(b) Full-time Librarians will be paid on the basis of a ten (10) day pay period. A full-time Librarian absent from work without some form of official paid leave, will be docked one-tenth (1/10) of their normal two (2) week's salary for each day absent.

3.1.10 Overtime:

Overtime work shall be distributed equally to full-time Librarians working within a department or unit subdivision. The distribution of overtime shall be equalized over each three (3) month period beginning on the first day of the calendar month following August 15, 2014.

On such occasion, the opportunity to work overtime shall be offered to the eligible full-time Librarian who has the least number of overtime hours to their credit during the then current three (3) month period. If this full-time Librarian does not accept the assignment, the full-time Librarian with the next fewest number of overtime hours to their credit will be offered the assignment. This procedure shall be followed until the required full-time Librarians have been selected for the overtime work or until such list is exhausted, whichever is sooner. It is agreed and understood, however, that in the event of an emergency or upon exhaustion of such list, overtime shall become mandatory and shall be assigned beginning at the start of such overtime list (full-time Librarian with the least number of overtime hours within the department or unit subdivision to his credit) until the overtime manpower needs are met. Under such mandatory conditions, overtime may not be refused. Any such refusal shall be grounds for disciplinary action.

Except for Sunday hours covered by Section 4.4, all full-time Librarians shall receive compensatory time on the basis of 1-1/2 hours for each one (1) hour worked in excess of eight (8) hours in any work day or in excess of eighty (80) hours in any pay period. All sick leave and personal leave is to be excluded from computation of eighty (80) hours per pay period necessary to earn the overtime premium.

Each full-time Librarian covered by the Agreement is guaranteed the right to accumulate compensatory time up to a maximum of eighty (80) hours.

Any full-time Librarian required to work four (4) hours of overtime following their regular full day shall be granted, if requested, one-half hour off for the purpose of eating. A similar one-half hour shall be granted proceeding each subsequent four (4) hour period of overtime to be worked. Such one-half hour shall be deemed as time worked for overtime purposes.

Each full-time Librarian covered under this collective bargaining Agreement may request in writing cash payment in lieu of compensatory time off for overtime worked in accordance with the limitation provided in this Section. The written request must

be filed with the Human Resources Department within ninety (90) days of the execution of this Agreement or by the third Monday in January of the year the employee elects to take cash payment in lieu of compensatory time for overtime. The election of cash payment shall remain in effect until the employee revokes it. Revocation may only occur during the month of December in each year. Any full-time Librarian, who revokes their request for cash payment, shall receive compensatory time for overtime hours worked as provided in this Section 3.1.10. New full-time Librarians shall receive compensatory time for overtime until the third Monday of January of the year following their date of hire, at which time they shall be eligible to select cash payment as described above.

Supplemental Employment

Full-time or regular part-time Librarians working supplemental hours on a voluntary basis in a Library other than their primary Library will be compensated at Job Group 9, Step 1. Supplemental hours are hours worked in excess of a forty (40) hour work week in a Library governed by another Board of Trustees' jurisdiction.

Section 3.2 Benefits

3.2.1 Health and Dental Insurance:

3.2.1.1 Active Employee Health Benefits:

- (a) The Library shall provide health insurance for each full-time and regular part-time Librarian and full-time and regular-part time Librarian Trainee covered under this Agreement.
- (b) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians and full-time and regular part-time Librarian Trainees shall have a single health care provider and a choice among three (3) insurance products: the Enhanced Plan, the Core Plan or the Value Plan. A Summary of Benefits for each plan is attached hereto as Appendices B-1 through B-3.
- (c) All full-time and regular part-time Librarians and full-time and regular part-time Librarian Trainees will be eligible for a family or single plan, at their option, subject to the written verification requirements contained in the collective bargaining Agreement.
- (d) Effective January 1, 2018, all full-time and regular part-time Librarians and full-time and regular- part time Librarian Trainees electing health insurance coverage under the provisions of this Agreement will contribute, through payroll deduction, the applicable monthly cost of the Value Plan as set forth below. Any employee selecting the Core or Enhanced Plans will also pay the difference in cost between the Value Plan and the cost of the Core or Enhanced Plan, as selected.

- (i) All full-time and regular part-time Librarians and full-time and regular part-time Librarian Trainees hired prior to January 1, 2017 electing health insurance coverage under the provisions of this Agreement will contribute, through payroll deduction, twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) of the Value premium.
 - (ii) All full-time Librarians and regular part-time Librarians and full-time and regular part-time Librarian Trainees newly hired on or after January 1, 2017, or hired into such status on or after January 1, 2018 electing health insurance coverage under the provisions of this Agreement will contribute, through payroll deduction, fifteen percent (15%) of the Value premium.
- (e) Part-time Librarians or part-time Librarian Trainees will be eligible for single LMHF Bronze Plan coverage only, at their option, at their own cost. A Summary of Benefits for the LMHF Bronze Plan is attached hereto as Appendix B-4.
- (f) Open Enrollment: Full-time and regular part-time Librarians and full-time and regular part-time Librarian Trainees may select from among the insurance plans annually, during the open enrollment period. The open enrollment period will take place after the annual rates are received from the insurance provider.
- (g) In the event a full-time or regular part-time Librarian or full-time or regular part-time Librarian Trainee is disabled from work by accident or illness, the Library agrees to continue his insurance coverage for the length of his accumulated sick leave, plus one hundred and twenty (120) days thereafter.
- (h) A full-time or regular part-time Librarian, serving on a temporary or provisional basis will be entitled to health and dental insurance as set forth in this Section (Section 3.2.1.1) and personal and sick leave credits, providing that there is a factually documented evidence that such Librarian has completed all the educational requirements for the position and is eligible for certification and has submitted his application for certification.
- (i) Any full-time or regular part-time Librarian or full-time or regular part-time Librarian Trainee who desires to avail themselves of psychiatric services shall do so without any record thereof appearing in his personnel records or any other records kept by the County or the Library, unless such records are supplied by the Librarian as required by Section 3.2.5(e) hereof and as required under applicable B&ECPL Personnel Policies and Procedures.
- (j) Insurance Waiver Program: Full-time and regular part-time Librarians and full-time and regular part-time Librarian Trainees eligible for medical and dental insurance benefits pursuant to the terms of this Agreement may waive coverage and receive a cash payment in lieu of the benefits.

- (i) No Risk Feature - Full-time and regular part-time Librarians and full-time and regular-part time Librarian Trainees do not have to wait for the annual enrollment period to reenter in the Library's paid coverage. With written notification, full-time and regular part-time Librarians and full-time or regular-part time Librarian Trainees can be readmitted in the following month.
- (ii) Payments- Full-time and regular part-time Librarians and full-time and regular part-time Librarian Trainees waiving family coverage will receive \$100 per month (\$50.00 over 24 pay periods). Full-time and regular part-time Librarians and full-time and regular-part time Librarian Trainees waiving single coverage will receive \$67 per month (\$33.50 over 24 pay periods).
- (iii) Continued Dental Insurance- Full-time and regular part-time Librarians and full-time or regular-part time Librarian Trainees may continue dental insurance by paying the monthly premium. This will be deducted from the full-time or regular part-time Librarian's or full-time or regular-part time Librarian Trainee's bi-weekly pay.

The Library and the Association have agreed upon a waiver form (Appendix C) which includes a clear acceptance of the responsibility of such waiver by the full-time or regular part-time Librarian or full-time or regular-part time Librarian Trainee and a release of liability for both the Library and the Association from any claims arising from such waiver.

(k) Dental Coverage: The Library will provide dental coverage including orthodontic and prosthetics coverage, for each full-time and regular part-time Librarian and full-time and regular-part time Librarian Trainee covered under this Agreement. Full-time and regular-part-time Librarians and full-time and regular-part-time Librarian Trainees shall have a choice between two (2) dental products:

- (i) The Standard Plan:
The annual amount of coverage for the Standard Plan is \$1200 in benefits, per person, per calendar year for covered dental services and covered dependents to age 19. The Standard Plan follows the Spectrum Fee Schedule. The annual amount paid for the Standard Plan may be increased but will not be decreased without the agreement of the Association. The Library shall pay the full cost of single coverage and 90% of the cost of family coverage.
- (ii) The Buy-up Plan:
The annual amount of coverage for the Buy-up Plan is \$2500 in benefits, per person, per calendar year for covered dental services and covered dependents to age 23. The Buy-up Plan follows the Preferred Fee Schedule. The annual amount paid for the Buy-up Plan may be

increased but will not be decreased without the agreement of the Association. The employee will pay the up-charge (amount in addition to what they are paying for Standard Plan) provided by Erie County and Labor Management Healthcare Fund.

Any premium cost in this Section shall be paid by the full-time or regular part-time Librarian or full-time or regular-part time Librarian Trainee through a bi-weekly payroll deduction.

3.2.1.2 Retiree Health Benefits:

(a) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians hired into such status before 1/1/2018 who retire from the Library with ten (10) years of Library service shall be eligible for the following:

(i) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians who have a minimum of 800 hours of accumulated sick leave as of the date of retirement shall receive \$2,000 cash.

(ii) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians who have a minimum of 1,200 hours of accumulated sick leave as of the date of retirement shall receive \$3,000 cash.

(iii) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians who have a minimum of 1,800 hours of accumulated sick leave as of the date of retirement shall receive \$5,000 cash.

(b) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians hired into such status on or after 1/1/2018 who retire from the Library shall be eligible for the following:

(i) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians who retire from the Library with ten (10) years of Library service shall have \$4,000 deposited in a health reimbursement account ("HRA").

(ii) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians who retire from the Library with fifteen (15) years of Library service shall have \$8,000 deposited in a health reimbursement account ("HRA").

(iii) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians who retire from the Library with twenty (20) years of Library service shall have \$12,000 cash deposited in an HRA.

(iv) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians who retire from the Library with twenty-five (25) years or more of Library service shall have \$15,000 deposited in an HRA.

(c) Pre-65 Retirees:

(i) Full-time and regular part time Librarians hired in such status on or before August 15, 2014 who retire after December 31, 2017, will be entitled to the Value Plan but will be required to pay the percentage of the premium for such plan (single, double, or family) at their active employee rate in effect at the time of retirement.

(ii) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians hired in such status after August 15, 2014, will be entitled to the Value Plan upon retirement and will be required to contribute fifty percent (50%) of the premium for such plan (single, double, or family).

(iii) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians hired in such status on or after January 1, 2018 will be entitled to participate in the retiree health plan(s) offered by the Library but will not be entitled to employer-paid health insurance premium contribution.

(d) 65 and older Retirees: Future retirees and their eligible spouses shall be required to select the designated Medicare Wraparound product that includes prescription drug coverage and basic out-of-network benefits, at age 64. Any future retiree and their eligible spouse who is under age 65 will be provided with a single plan for the member under age 65 consistent with the applicable provisions of Section 3.2.1.2 (c). An age 65 or older retiree and their eligible spouse age 65 or older may choose from Options "A," "B" or "C" as set forth in the attached Appendices D-1 through D-3. Both members must select the same option and will be required to contribute as follows to the monthly premium for the single or double rate for Option "A," "B" or "C":

(i) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians employed in such status on August 15, 2014 who retire from the Library after December 31, 2017 will be required to contribute to the cost of retiree health insurance at their active employee percentage contribution rate in effect at the time of the employee's retirement.

(ii) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians hired in such status after August 15, 2014 who retire from the Library will be required to contribute fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the retiree health insurance.

(iii) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians hired in such status on or after January 1, 2018 will be entitled to participate in the retiree health plan(s) offered by the Library but will not be entitled to employer-paid health insurance premium contribution.

(iv) In addition, an age 65 or older retiree who chooses Option "D" (see Appendix D-4) will pay the applicable contribution set forth above, as well

as the difference in the cost between the highest premium of Option "A," "B" or "C," and the Option "D" premium. Health care coverage will be offered to the retiree for his lifetime.

(e) Family or double coverage will be provided upon written documentation of family status.

(f) The insurance products offered in this Agreement shall not be changed or modified in any way without the approval of the labor-management health insurance panel, the format of which is to be determined by mutual agreement. The Librarians Association shall be a member of such panel.

3.2.2 Vacations and Compensatory Time:

(a) Vacation credits will accrue and be available for use on a bi-weekly pay period basis for full-time Librarians after the first pay period of employment providing they are on a compensable pay status for forty (40) or more hours (five (5) or more working days) each pay period. Each full-time Librarian shall have their vacation entitlement determined based on years starting with the date of permanent appointment to a full-time bargaining unit position. Full-time Librarian vacation credits for full-time Librarians hired on or prior to August 15, 2014 will be granted by pay period in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of Service Completed</u>	<u>Rate Per Pay Period (# of pay periods)</u>	<u>Vacation Days</u>
From date of permanent appointment to full-time bargaining unit position through completion of 10 th year of service	6.16 hours (26)	20 days
From the 11 th year through completion of 20 th year of service	7.70 hours (26)	25 days
From the 21 st year through successive years of service	9.24 hours (26)	30 days

For regular part-time Librarian vacation accruals: see Section 3.3(a).

Regular part-time and part-time employees hired on or prior to August 15, 2014 who accept full-time positions without a break in service will fall under the vacation accrual schedule set forth in Subsection (a) immediately above.

(b) Effective January 1, 2015, current full-time employees hired on or prior to August 15, 2014 will be eligible to sell back up to forty (40) hours of vacation in November of each year. Such full-time employee must have at least eighty (80) hours of vacation leave in their bank to be eligible for such sell back. Payment for

such sell back shall be made in pay period 24.

(c) All full-time employees hired after August 15, 2014, including those full-time Librarians deemed to have a break in service under Civil Service Law and local rules, but excluding those Librarians reinstated from a valid preferred list, shall earn vacation credits by pay period in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of Service Completed</u>	<u>Rate Per Pay Period (# of pay periods)</u>	<u>Vacation Days</u>
From date of permanent appointment to full-time bargaining unit position through completion of 10 th year of service	4.62 hours (26)	15 days
From the 11 th year through completion of 20 th year of service	6.16 hours (26)	20 days
From the 21 st year through successive years of service	7.70 hours (26)	25 days

(d) The vacation schedule for each full-time or regular part-time Librarian will be arranged by their Department Head, Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee. A full-time or regular part-time Librarian shall take their vacation during the twelve (12) months following the period in which it was earned. A full-time or regular part-time Librarian employed on August 15, 2014 may place up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) earned days in a vacation bank. After twenty-five (25) years of service, a full-time or regular part-time Librarian employed on August 15, 2014 may place up to a maximum of thirty (30) earned days in a vacation bank. See example below:

<u>Full-time Librarian Vacation Earning Rate</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Max. Days on Anniversary Date</u>
20 days per year	+25	45
25 days per year	+25	50
30 days per year	+30	60

A full-time or regular part-time Librarian hired after August 15, 2014 and who is eligible to accrue vacation pursuant to Section 3.2.2(c), above, may place up to a maximum of fifteen (15) earned days in a vacation bank. After thirteen (13) years of service, the full-time or regular part-time Librarian may place up to a maximum of twenty (20) earned days in a vacation bank, and after twenty-three (23) years of service may place up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) earned days in a vacation bank. See example below:

<u>Full-time Librarian Vacation Earning Rate</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Max. Days on Anniversary Date</u>
15 days per year	+15	30
20 days per year	+20	40

25 days per year

+25 50

As far as practicable, all earned vacation shall be taken prior to a transfer, but if not taken then, may be taken in a new department to which the full-time or regular part-time Librarian is transferred.

(e) A leave of absence without pay or a resignation followed by reinstatement in the Library's employment within one (1) year shall not constitute an interruption of service for the purpose of this Section 3.2.2; provided, however, that leave without pay, or the period between resignation and reinstatement, shall not be counted in determining vacation credits.

(f) Vacation may be taken in increments of one hour. Compensatory time may be taken in increments of 15 minutes. It is understood that the granting of requests for leave in such increments depends on the work needs of the Library or Department in which the full-time or regular part-time Librarian works.

(g) Upon termination of a full-time or regular part-time Librarian's employment, they will be entitled to receive a cash payment equal to their accrued vacation time. In no event will such payout exceed the maximum bank days as reflected in the examples set forth in Section 3.2.2(c) above. They will be permitted to use their accrued compensatory time prior to their termination.

3.2.3 Holidays:

(a) Each full-time and regular part-time Librarian will receive a paid holiday on the following days:

New Year's Day	Fourth of July
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Labor Day
Patriot's Day	Veterans Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	Christmas

In the event a library is not scheduled to be open on Columbus Day or Election Day, bargaining unit members who would otherwise be regularly scheduled to work on either or both of those days will be eligible to participate in Library-sponsored, paid professional development so as not to lose regularly-scheduled hours of compensation.

(b) The date of each holiday's observance shall be determined by Erie County's official list of holiday observances in conjunction with each Library's operations calendar.

(c) Holiday compensation will be determined based on the computation of hours worked within a 10-day (80-hour) pay period as follows:

(i) A full-time Librarian who takes the holiday on the day it is observed and who works (or is otherwise compensated by the use of accrued time) nine (9) days within the pay period, receives eighty (80) hours of pay.

(ii) A full-time Librarian who works (or is otherwise compensated by the use of accrued time) ten (10) days within the pay period, but not on the day that the holiday is observed, receives eighty (80) hours of pay and eight (8) hours of compensatory time.

(iii) A full-time Librarian who works (or is otherwise compensated by the use of accrued time) ten (10) days in the pay period, including on the day observed as a holiday, receives ninety-two (92) hours of pay.

3.2.4 Family and Medical Leave Act:

The Library will follow all the requirements of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Librarians who are granted FMLA leave must use any combination of paid sick leave, vacation, compensatory, personal or unpaid leave as permitted by the Act.

3.2.5 Sick Leave:

(a) Sick Leave with pay will be granted to a full-time or regular part-time Librarian who is incapacitated or unable to perform the duties of their position by reason of:

(i) Sickness or injury of the full-time or regular part-time Librarian.

(ii) Pregnancy of the full-time or regular part-time Librarian.

(iii) Sickness or injury or pregnancy in the full-time or regular part-time Librarian's immediate family, requiring care and attendance of the Librarian. "Immediate family" shall include their parent, spouse, brother, sister, son, daughter, or grandparent, or an actual member of the Librarian's household. A certificate or affidavit issued by the attending physician certifying to the necessity for the attendance of the Librarian, shall be filed with the Library for absences of three (3) or more consecutive days and sick leave for these purposes shall be granted only with the approval of the Library.

(iv) Circumstances which require that medical or dental visits of a full-time or regular part-time Librarian be made during working hours.

(v) Medical and dental visits for members of the full-time or regular part-time Librarian's immediate family, who cannot provide their own transportation and which cannot be scheduled outside the Librarian's

working hours.

(vi) Quarantine regulations.

(b) Credit for sick leave under this Section for full-time Librarians shall be granted at the rate of one and one-quarter working days per month for each month of service. Such leave as is not used shall accumulate to a maximum of 1800 hours. No credit for sick leave shall be granted for a month unless the full-time Librarian shall have been on full pay status at least fifty percent (50%) of the working days of said month.

For regular part-time Librarian sick leave accruals, see Section 3.3 (a).

(c) Extended Sick Leave:

(i) A full-time or regular part-time Librarian who has completed two (2) to four (4) years of continuous service may receive up to two (2) months catastrophic sick leave with pay as determined by a majority of the Professional Council.

A full-time or regular part-time Librarian who has completed five (5) or more years of continuous service may receive up to six (6) months catastrophic sick leave with pay as determined by a majority of the Professional Council.

(ii) No credits for sick leave, personal leave or vacation shall be earned during periods of extended sick leave with pay, granted in accordance with this Section.

(iii) A full-time or regular part-time Librarian shall be eligible for the additional periods of sick leave granted in accordance with this provision until the levels of extended sick leave to which they are entitled have been exhausted.

(iv) No extended sick leave with pay will be granted until all other accumulated leave time has been used.

(v) The following requirements must be met prior to approval by the Professional Council:

(1) The illness or disability must have prevented the full-time or regular part-time Librarian from working for a minimum of forty (40) consecutive work days;

(2) The full-time or regular part-time Librarian must submit a medical report indicating a reasonable expectation that the full-time

or regular part-time Librarian will be returning to work; and

(3) All paid leave must be exhausted prior to receiving catastrophic illness pay.

(d) When absence is required under this Section, the full-time or regular part-time Librarian shall report the same to their Department Head, Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee not later than one-half hour before they are scheduled to begin work except in case of a demonstrated emergency or other unforeseen circumstance, in which case notice will be provided as soon as possible. In positions requiring replacement in case of absence, the time for reporting absence shall be at the discretion of the Department Head, Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee. In case of failure to report within the stated time limit, unless for reasons satisfactory to the Department Head, Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee, the absence shall not be deductible from sick leave and shall be considered as time off without pay.

(e) A certificate or affidavit, showing incapacity and inability of the full-time or regular part-time Librarian to perform their duties, issued by the attending physician, shall be filed with the Library in case of absence of more than five (5) consecutive working days. The Library may check further on any illness regardless of certificate or affidavit. If a full-time or regular part-time Librarian fails to submit proof of illness when required to do so, the absence shall not be deductible from sick leave and shall be considered time off without pay. If the full-time or regular part-time Librarian objects to such result, they may file a grievance, starting at Level II of the grievance procedure.

(f) Absence for less than one (1) hour cannot be charged to sick leave. At the end of any calendar year, a full-time or regular part-time Librarian can obtain from the Library upon request a record of their accumulated sick leave credits. When a full-time or regular part-time Librarian is reinstated in the Library's employment within one (1) year following their resignation, they may receive credit for sick leave that had accumulated at the time of their resignation, if approved by the Library.

(g) During the term of this Agreement, persons who are not blood relatives (or in-laws in the case of bereavement leave), but for whose illness or death a full-time or regular part-time Librarian is entitled to sick leave (Section 3.2.5) or bereavement leave (Section 3.2.7), must be members of the full-time or regular part-time Librarian's immediate household for at least one (1) year before a full-time or regular part-time Librarian is entitled to such leave. In addition, prior to the time such leave is requested, the full-time or regular part-time Librarian must have filed with the Library an affidavit, on a form supplied by the Library, establishing that such a person is a member of his immediate household. Such affidavit must be kept current. Any false claims shall be grounds for immediate disciplinary action up to and including discharge.

(h) Abuse of sick leave privilege shall be grounds for disciplinary action.

(i) Sick leave may be taken in increments of one (1) hour. It is understood that the granting of requests for leave in one (1) hour increments depends on the work needs of the Library or Department in which the full-time or regular part-time Librarian works.

(j) There will be a \$300.00 bonus for any full-time or regular part-time Librarian who reaches a maximum of 1,800 hours of accumulated sick leave. Thereafter, an additional bonus of \$200.00 will be paid in any year in which the maximum amount of sick leave is maintained and five (5) or fewer sick days are utilized. Payment of the initial bonus will be in the first pay check after the 1,800 is reached. Payment of the yearly bonus will be in the first pay period of February in subsequent years.

3.2.6 Personal Leave:

(a) Full-time Librarians, including temporary and provisional personnel, hired on or prior to August 15, 2014 will receive five (5) days personal leave after one (1) year of continuous service and also become eligible for and receive the same allowance for each succeeding year of employment, providing they receive their salary for at least six (6) months in the preceding anniversary year.

Full-time Librarians, including temporary and provisional personnel, hired after August 15, 2014 will receive two (2) days personal leave after one (1) year of continuous service and also become eligible for and receive the same allowance for each succeeding year of employment, providing they receive their salary for at least six (6) months in the preceding anniversary year. Full-time Librarians, including temporary and provisional personnel, will receive three (3) days personal leave after five (5) years of continuous service and also become eligible for and receive the same allowance for each succeeding year of employment, providing they receive their salary for at least six (6) months in the preceding anniversary year.

For regular part-time Librarian personal leave accruals: see Section 3.3 (a).

(b) Application for personal leave shall be filed by the full-time or regular part-time Librarian on the prescribed form with their Department Head, Contract Library Director or designee. If approved, the application shall be submitted to the Deputy Director or designee to confirm that the full-time Librarian or regular part-time Librarian has unused personal leave days available to them. For a Contract library full-time Librarian or regular part-time Librarian, the Contract Library Director or designee shall confirm that the full-time Librarian or regular part-time Librarian has unused personal leave days available to them.

(c) A full-time or regular part-time Librarian shall be required to give three (3)

days' prior notice of a personal leave day except: (i) in case of an emergency, and (ii) if their Department Head, Administrator, Contract Library Director or designee agrees to waive the requirement. Five (5) days' notice will be required if a full-time Librarian wishes to take all four (4) days consecutively.

(d) When a resigned full-time or regular part-time Librarian is reinstated to a position in the Library's employment within one (1) year, unused personal leave credits due the, at the time of their resignation may be restored to them when approved by the Library.

(e) In case of transfer, unused personal leave shall be transferred with the full-time or regular part-time Librarian and they shall receive credit in the department to which they are transferred.

(f) A maximum of four (4) unused personal leave days may be added to a full-time or regular part-time Librarian's accumulated sick leave at the end of each fiscal year, but this clause does not extend the permissible accumulation of sick leave beyond the maximums provided in Section 3.2.5(b).

(g) Personal leave may not be taken in increments of less than one (1) hour. It is understood that the granting of requests for leave in one (1) hour increments depends on the work needs of the Library or Department in which the full-time or regular part-time Librarian works.

3.2.7 Bereavement Leave:

A full-time or regular part-time Librarian who has a death in the immediate family (parent, spouse, brother, sister, children, grandparent, grandchildren, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepparent, stepchildren, great-grandparent or any other individual who is an actual member of the full-time or regular part-time Librarian's immediate household as defined in Section 3.2.5(g), upon submission of sufficient proof to the employer, shall be given time off without loss of pay up to a maximum of five (5) consecutive calendar days from and including the date of death. However, if the death occurs after the full-time or regular part-time Librarian reports to work, that day will not be counted as one of the five (5) consecutive calendar days and upon giving appropriate notice, such employee will be allowed to leave for the remainder of the shift without the loss of pay.

3.2.8 Maternity Leave Without Pay:

(a) A pregnant full-time or regular part-time Librarian shall be granted a leave of absence without pay for the duration of their anticipated disability, as substantiated by their personal physician.

(b) After delivery of the baby, the full-time or regular part-time Librarian, regardless of whether they have been on sick leave or leave without pay, may

return on the date recommended by their physician providing a written statement on a form supplied by the Library is submitted to the Library certifying that they are fully employable and ready to resume their full duties.

3.2.9 Other Leaves of Absence:

(a) Jury Duty:

(i) Upon presenting proof of the necessity of jury service or attending court for non-personal matters, full-time and regular part-time Librarians shall receive a paid leave of absence. Full-time and regular part-time Librarians must indicate on the court's questionnaire that they are placed on a paid leave of absence during the jury service period.

(ii) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians will not be required to report for work prior to or subsequent to their court attendance/jury duty.

(iii) Regular part-time Librarians shall be paid on a pro-rated basis.

(iv) Pursuant to New York State Judiciary Law Sections 519 and 521, a part-time Librarian or part-time Librarian Trainee, upon presenting proof of the necessity of jury service or attending court for non-personal matters, may be eligible to receive \$40.00 per day for each of the *first three (3) days* of jury service.

(1) To be eligible for the \$40.00 payment, the part-time Librarian or part-time Librarian Trainee must have been scheduled to work on a jury service day, and due to the jury service, was unable to report for their work assignment. If the part-time Librarian or part-time Librarian Trainee was *not* scheduled to work that day, the employee is *not* eligible for the \$40.00 payment. Part-time Librarians or part-time Librarian Trainees may *not* be rescheduled to avoid this \$40.00 payment.

(2) If the part-time Librarian or part-time Librarian Trainee would have earned *less* than \$40.00 on a scheduled work day on which the part-time Librarian or part-time Librarian Trainee performed jury service, the employee is paid *only* what they would have been paid in wages. For example, if the part-time Librarian Trainee would have worked two and $\frac{1}{2}$ hours (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %) hours at \$14.12 per hour, the part-time Librarian Trainee is paid \$35.30, *not* \$40.00.

(v) This payment applies to trial jurors and grand jurors in each Court of the New York State Unified Court System, except town and village courts. This payment does not apply to the Federal Court System.

- (b) Civil Service Examinations: Permanent full-time and regular part-time Librarians shall be allowed time off with pay to take promotional and open competitive County Civil Service examinations. Provisional full and regular part-time Librarians shall be permitted time off with pay to take such examinations in connection with the position in which they are serving.
- (c) Occupational Assault: If a full-time or regular part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee is necessarily absent from work as a result of a physical injury to their person caused by assault and/or battery, which occurs during the course of his employment and if the New York State Workers' Compensation Board allows benefits for such as an occupational injury, then the Librarian shall receive full pay and benefits, without using sick leave or other types of credit, for all normal working days during the first month of such absence.
- (d) Leave Without Pay:
- (i) Application: Application for leave of absence without pay, for any of the reasons cited in this Section 3.2.9(d) shall be filed by the full-time or regular part-time Librarian, on prescribed form, with their Department Head, Contract Library Director or designee. Such application shall state the reasons for the requested leave and the duration thereof. Any application for such leave must be answered within two (2) weeks after it is first submitted or it will be deemed to have been granted.
 - (ii) Extended Illness: When a full-time or regular part-time Librarian has exhausted all of their sick leave credits, and is still incapacitated and unable to perform the duties of their position, or if the attending physician has recommended a period of rest and convalescence, their Department Head, Contract Library Director or designee may grant leave of absence without pay for a period not to exceed one (1) year, subject to extension pursuant to County Civil Service Rules.
 - (iii) Military Leave: Leaves of absence occasioned by service in the military shall be governed by the requirements of current Federal and New York State laws.
 - (iv) Veteran's Education: Any full-time or regular part-time Librarian who is a veteran qualified to receive education or training or vocational rehabilitation under the provisions of any federal or New York State law, shall be granted leave of absence without pay for the period of such education, or training or vocational rehabilitation, provided that the attendance of the veteran is required at times that will preclude employment in their Library position. Such leave of absence shall not extend beyond a period of four (4) years, nor beyond the period for which the veteran shall be eligible to continue the education or training or vocational rehabilitation. It shall terminate at any time that the veteran

ceases actual attendance at the classes or courses required by the education, training or rehabilitation program. A veteran who has been on such a leave of absence shall be reinstated to his position, provided they make application for such reinstatement within sixty (60) days after the termination of such leave of absence. They may be reinstated at any time after such sixty-day period and within one (1) year after termination of such leave of absence at the discretion of their Department Head.

(v) General Education: On the approval of their Department Head, Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee permanent full-time or regular part-time Librarians may be granted leave of absence without pay for a period of one (1) year for the purpose of acquiring additional education and training that will increase the usefulness and efficiency of the full-time or regular part-time Librarian in their position.

(vi) Political Leave: Upon request, a full-time or regular part-time Librarian shall be granted a political leave in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) Upon thirty (30) calendar days' notice, a full-time or regular part-time Librarian shall be granted a maximum of four (4) weeks leave without pay for the purpose of campaigning as an announced candidate for an elective public office.

(2) A full-time or regular part-time Librarian who is elected or appointed to public office shall be entitled to a leave of absence without pay for the lesser of one (1) term of office or four (4) years. They shall not accumulate seniority during such absence.

(3) At the conclusion of any political leave, the full-time or regular part-time Librarian shall be returned to the same or to a reasonably comparable position.

(vii) Infant Child Care: A leave of absence without pay to care for an infant child will be granted to:

(1) A full-time or regular part-time Librarian whose pregnancy disability has terminated for a period of up to six (6) months thereafter; or

(2) A full-time or regular part-time Librarian who has adopted a child of less than five (5) years of age or a hard-to-place or handicapped child as defined in Section 451 of the N.Y. Social Services Law who is under the age of eighteen (18), and which a full-time or regular part-time Librarian is principally responsible for the care of the child, for a period of six (6) months after custody of

the child is received, or

(3) A full-time or regular part-time Librarian whose spouse has given birth to a child will be granted a leave without pay for a period of up to six (6) months. The full-time or regular part-time Librarian will submit, when feasible, thirty (30) days' notice of their intent to take paternity leave. In the event either full-time or regular part-time Librarians (parents) are employed by the Library, the Library is not compelled to grant a six (6) month leave.

(viii) Family Care: A full-time or regular part-time Librarian may be granted a leave of absence without pay for up to six (6) months to care for a parent, parent-in-law, child, spouse or member of household as defined in Section 3.2.5(g) who is suffering from a serious health condition, illness or injury, or related to the birth or adoption of a child. It is understood that the full-time or regular part-time Librarian shall be required to provide medical information supporting the need for his presence as a care giver during normal hours of work and fully explaining the seriousness of the illness or injury. It is further understood that any such request rests in the discretion of the Library providing such discretion is not exercised in an arbitrary or capricious manner.

(ix) Other Reasons: Leave of absence without pay, for reasons other than those cited in this Section 3.2.9(d), shall be granted by a Department Head, Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee, only in unusual circumstances, which in the judgment of the Department Head, Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee justifies the granting of such leave. Requests for such leave and the recommendation of the Department Head, Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee shall be submitted to the Library, and the granting of such leave shall be subject to the approval of the Department Head, Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee.

(e) Transfers: A full-time or regular part-time Librarian who transfers between (a) the Central or a Branch Library and (b) a Contract Library to accept a promotion shall automatically be put on Leave Without Pay status in their old position for the duration of their probationary period in the new position, so that they may return to the old position if they do not receive a permanent appointment at the end of their probationary period in the new position.

Section 3.3 Regular Part-Time Librarians

(a) Regular Part-Time (RPT) Employees shall be entitled to receive all benefits provided to full-time employees, subject to the following modifications:

i. Vacation & Sick Leave Accruals:

1. Where RPT employees perform 60 or more hours of work in any given pay period, they shall receive vacation and sick leave accruals commensurate with full-time employees for such pay period, only.

2. Where RPT employees perform not less than 40 but up to 60 hours of work in any given pay period, they shall receive vacation and sick leave accruals at 50% the accrual rate of full-time employees.

ii. Holiday Pay:

1. Where RPT employees perform 60 or more hours of work in any given pay period in which a contractually recognized holiday falls, they shall receive holiday pay commensurate with full-time employees for such pay period only.

2. Where RPT employees perform not less than 40 but up to 60 hours of work in any given pay period during which a contractually recognized holiday falls, they shall receive holiday pay at 50% the accrual rate of full-time employees.

3. Where RPT employees perform 60 or more hours of work in any given pay period during which a contractually recognized holiday falls, and work on the day the holiday is observed, they shall be paid for the actual number of hours worked on the holiday. Additionally, they shall receive compensatory time commensurate with full-time employees.

4. Where RPT employees perform not less than 40 but up to 60 hours of work in any given pay period during which a contractually recognized holiday falls, and work on the day the holiday is observed, they shall be paid for the actual number of hours worked on the holiday. Additionally, they shall receive compensatory time equal to 50% of the benefit provided to a full-time employee.

iii. Personal Leave:

1. Where RPT employees perform 60 or more hours of work on a pay period basis, cumulatively for 50% or more of a given calendar year, they shall receive personal leave accruals commensurate with full-time employees for such year only.

2. Where RPT employees perform 60 or more hours on a pay period basis, cumulatively for less than 50% of a given calendar year, they shall receive personal leave accruals at 50% the accrual rate of full-time employees.

(b) Any regular part-time Librarian who works on a year-round part-time basis of less than forty (40) hours per pay period shall have a first option to work any additional part-time hours which become available in order to increase said regular part-time Librarian's hours to at least forty (40) per pay period provided that the hours which become available involve comparable work in the same unit in which the regular part-time Librarian is presently employed. In the event that more than one (1) regular part-time Librarian shall be entitled to a first option, priority will be given first to the regular part-time Librarian regularly working the greater number of hours per week and second to the regular part-time Librarian with the greater number of years employment with the Library.

(c) There shall be no rule, written or unwritten, nor practice except as mandated by New York State Civil Service Law, which limits the maximum number of hours a regular part-time Librarian may work, and no regular part-time Librarian who works twenty (20) or more hours per week through the year, shall be considered a per diem Librarian.

Section 3.4 Part-Time Librarians and Part-Time Librarian Trainees

(a) Part-time Librarians and part-time Librarian Trainees shall not be entitled to any benefits provided by any of the articles of this Agreement except as follows:

(i) They shall be covered by Article 6 of this Agreement upon completion of two (2) years of service.

(ii) They shall be entitled to the health insurance offering contained in 3.2.1.1(e).

(b) Part-time Librarians who were employed on July 19, 2001 will be compensated at their current step in Job Group 9. At the completion of 2,000 hours they will move to the next step. After the completion of 4,000 hours they will again move to the next step.

Part-time Librarian Trainees who were employed on July 19, 2001 will be compensated at their current step in Job Group 7. At the completion of 2,000 hours they will move to the next step. After the completion of 4,000 hours they will again move to the next step.

(c) Part-time Librarians hired after July 19, 2001 will be compensated at the entry level step for Job Group 9. At the completion of 2,000 hours they will move to the next step. After the completion of 4,000 hours they will again move to the next step.

Part-time Librarian Trainees hired after July 19, 2001 will be compensated at the

entry level step for Job Group 7. At the completion of 2,000 hours they will move to the next step. After the completion of 4,000 hours they will again move to the next step.

(d) Part-time Librarians will maintain earned Step placement upon transfer to another library.

(e) Part-time Librarians will be allowed to designate up to two (2) unpaid leave weeks in each calendar year without jeopardizing status of employment. Part-time Librarians will be permitted to make up a maximum of two (2) shifts (hours as scheduled) missed due to illness per quarter at alternative time(s) within their libraries' open hours within the pay period of shift missed or following pay period.

(f) A full-time and regular part-time Librarian who is laid off and accepts a part-time position will be given credit for hours already worked in the full-time or regular part-time position for purposes of establishing pay rate. Upon return to the full-time position, they will maintain step placement and be given credit, on a pro-rated basis, for the number of hours worked in the part-time position. In the event the full-time or regular part-time Librarian is laid off and does not accept a part-time position, they will maintain step placement upon return to the full-time position.

(g) Except as mandated by New York State Civil Service Law, a part-time Librarian shall be permitted to work at multiple locations within the Library System, but their total combined hours may not exceed nineteen (19) per week unless authorized by the B&ECPL Deputy Director or designee. Such authorization will not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 3.5 Librarian Trainee Classes

A full-time or regular-part time Librarian Trainee will be eligible for released time to attend Library School classes if: (1) they have been employed by the Library for at least one (1) year; and (2) they have completed at least twelve (12) semester hours of graduate level library school training in courses approved by the Professional Council at a grade level satisfactory to the Library. Upon request by an eligible full-time or regular-part time Librarian Trainee in advance of their registration for a course or courses approved by the Professional Council, released time (which is not required to be made up) will be granted from that part of the full-time or regular part-time Librarian Trainee's normal work schedule which conflicts with their attendance at such courses; provided, however, that a maximum of three and one-half hours per week per course (to a maximum of two (2) courses per week) of released time will be granted to a full-time or regular-part time Librarian Trainee.

Section 3.6 Retirement Benefits

All full-time and regular part-time Librarians and full-time and regular-part time Librarian Trainees are members of, and entitled to the benefits of the New York State Retirement System under the New Career Retirement Plan 75-i. Part-time Librarians and part-time Librarian Trainees may elect to become members of the New York State Retirement System under the New Career Retirement Plan 75-i and in so doing, shall become entitled to the same benefits.

Section 3.7 Breaks

Each full-time Librarian shall be entitled to a fifteen-minute break during the first half of their work day and a second fifteen-minute break during the second half.

Section 3.8 Retirement Salary Deferred Compensation Plan

Librarians are eligible to participate in the Erie County 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan through payroll deduction. Such participation will be in accordance with the terms of the Plan. All costs under the Plan are the obligation of participating Librarians. The B&ECPL is not responsible for any costs under the Plan other than those normally attributable to payroll deductions currently provided to the bargaining unit herein. The program is effective only if, and so long as, Erie County provides for employee participation in the Plan.

ARTICLE 4 - WORKING CONDITIONS

Section 4.1 Work Week

- (a) All full-time Librarians shall be scheduled to work eighty (80) hours each pay period.
- (b) The work week shall be Saturday through Friday, consistent with the pay period. Section 4.4 shall apply for Sunday hours worked.
- (c) No full-time Librarian will be involuntarily scheduled to work more than five (5) consecutive days from Saturday through Friday (excluding voluntary Sunday hours under Section 4.4).
- (d) No full-time Librarian will be involuntarily scheduled to work more than three (3) nights per work week.
- (e) All full-time Librarians may take a one-hour paid lunch period each day which shall be included in the forty (40) hour work week.
- (f) The Library Director, Contract Library Director or his designee, may schedule employees to work four, ten-hour days per week to meet the

operational and/or the staffing needs of the Library. Employees will not be entitled to overtime or compensatory time under the terms of this contract unless said schedule results in working over forty (40) hours in the work week.

Section 4.2 Split Shifts

No full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian shall be required to work on a split-shift (i.e., one not comprised of eight (8) consecutive hours including lunch time) without their consent unless the Library receives less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice of absence causing emergency scheduling problems and is unable to arrange other scheduling despite good faith efforts to do so. In that situation, the full-time or regular part-time Librarian shall have the option to work straight through from their first shift to their second shift and receive appropriate compensatory time and shall not without their consent, be required to work split shifts on consecutive working days.

Section 4.3 Flex Time

Should a Library Director determine it to be practical and feasible, they may at their discretion, after approval of the Library Board, implement a flex-time work schedule. It is agreed and understood that such flex-time system in whole or in part may be terminated by the Library Director or the appropriate board at any time.

Section 4.4 Sunday Hours

(a) If the Central Library, any Branch or any Contract Library is open on Sunday or any other library department is participating in an offsite program on Sunday, all hours worked on that day shall be in addition to the required forty (40) hour work week and the following procedure will be observed:

- (i) Full-time and regular part-time Librarians will be offered to work on a voluntary basis.
- (ii) If there are an insufficient number of full-time or regular part-time volunteers, the library will offer the Sunday hours to part-time Librarians.
- (iii) If there are an insufficient number of volunteers, the library may assign part-time Librarians, on a rotating basis, in inverse order of seniority within the library or department.
- (iv) If the library is unable to fill the Sunday hours utilizing part-time Librarians, full-time and regular part-time Librarians will be scheduled on a rotating basis, in inverse order of seniority.

Nothing in this provision should restrict a full-time or regular part-time Librarian from voluntarily choosing to work Sunday as a regularly scheduled work day and including the hours worked in their forty (40) hour, or less for RPT, work week.

- (b) The Librarian IV or, if a Librarian IV is not available, the Librarian III or Librarian II in charge at the Central Library will be paid time and one-half their regular pay rate for all hours worked. Librarians performing public service work at the Central Library will be paid time and one-half the pay rate of Job Group 9, Step 1 for all hours worked.
- (c) Full-time Librarians who oversee operations at Contract Library or a Branch Library will be paid time and one-half the pay rate of Job Group 10, Step 2 for all hours worked. Full-time Librarians performing public service work at said libraries will be paid time and one-half the pay rates of Job Group 9, Step 1 for all hours worked.
- (d) Full-time Librarians participating in an off-site program will be paid time and one-half the pay rates of Job Group 9, Step 1 for all hours worked.
- (e) Full-time Librarians who have volunteered for Sunday work will have the preference to serve as the Librarian who oversees operations at any Contract Library or Branch Library.
- (f) The Library agrees to offer Sunday work to all full-time Librarians on an equal basis, at all locations, subject to training requirements. Twice per year, a survey will be sent to all full-time Librarians canvassing them for their availability for Sunday work (both supervisory and public service work) system-wide. Any full-time Librarian interested in Sunday work has to commit to at least one (1) Sunday per month.
- (g) In the event that no full-time Librarian volunteers at a Contract Library or Branch Library, a part-time Librarian may be responsible to oversee operations.
- (h) When a part-time Librarian works in this capacity (overseeing operations) they will be paid straight time at the pay rate of Job Group 10 Step 2, but not at time and one-half.
- (i) A part-time Librarian cannot supervise a full-time or regular part-time Librarian during Sunday hours unless the full-time or regular part-time Librarian was called in to cover an emergency or has waived their right to oversee operations.
- (j) Reasonable efforts will be made by the Library, subject to budget and coverage constraints, to provide training, where required, to Librarians who indicate their desire to perform Sunday work at Central Library, Contract Library or Branch Library. Such training may include performing voluntary work at a particular Library. The final determination concerning the qualifications of a Librarian for Sunday outside of their particular department or Library shall be in the sole discretion of the applicable Deputy Director, Assistant Deputy Director,

Contract Library Director or their designee.

Section 4.5 Emergency Closing

In the event the Library Director, Contract Library Director or designee declares the closing of a certain Library or Libraries and/or operations and/or services due to any flood, fire, uncontrolled weather conditions or other cause beyond the Library's control, effected full-time and regular part-time Librarians will not be charged any accruals or lose any pay for the time closed.

Effective January 1, 2005, part-time Librarians and part-time Librarian Trainees shall be paid for hours previously scheduled that fall within the period of the emergency closing.

Section 4.6 Non-Discrimination

The Library agrees it will not discriminate against any full-time, regular-part time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, sex, sexual preference, gender identity or any other similar reason in promotion, compensation, or any other term, condition or privilege of employment.

Section 4.7 Paid Lunch Period

Should any full-time Librarian be limited to a one-half (1/2) hour lunch period or no lunch period on any day, such full-time Librarian shall receive compensatory time equal to the paid lunch time which they lost.

ARTICLE 5 - ASSOCIATION BENEFITS

Section 5.1 Membership and Dues Deduction:

Librarians and Librarian Trainees desiring to become a member of the Librarians' Association may authorize payroll deduction of union dues by submitting the appropriate form. The Library shall deduct dues from the wages of members effective at the time the form is signed by the member and dues shall be deducted by the next full pay period and each pay period thereafter from the pay of the member.

The Library will continue making such deduction until such time as the Librarians' Association notifies the Library that it has received a valid revocation of such authorization. The Library will promptly notify the Librarians' Association in the event it is notified that a bargaining unit employee wishes to revoke authorization for dues deduction and will refer the employee to the Librarians' Association president or designee.

If, through inadvertence or error, the Library fails or neglects to make a deduction which is properly due and owing from the wages of a Librarian or Librarian Trainee, such deduction shall be made from the next pay check of the Librarian or Librarian Trainee

and remitted to the Association. So long as the Library acts in good faith and makes reasonable efforts to comply with its obligations under this Section 5.1, the Library shall not be liable to the Association, any Librarian or Librarian Trainee or any other party for the remittance or payment of any sum other than the amount actually deducted from the wages of the Librarian or Librarian Trainee and the Association agrees to hold the Library harmless for such actions.

Section 5.2 Notice of Board Meetings

Notice of each public meeting of the B&ECPL Board of Trustees shall be given to the president of the Association at the same time and in the same manner as such notice is given to members of the Board. A copy of the approved minutes of public meetings of the B&ECPL Library Board of Trustees shall be given to the president of the Association at the same time and in the same manner as copies thereof are sent to members of the Board.

Section 5.3 Attendance at Board Meetings

Released time without loss of pay shall be granted to one (1) representative of the Association for the purpose of attending public meetings of the B&ECPL Board of Trustees as an observer. If the representative of the Association is other than its president, written notice of the representative's name shall be given to the Library Director generally not later than the day preceding the Board meeting which they are to attend.

Section 5.4 Time Off for Union Business

(a) Effective January 1, 2005, the Association President shall be granted reasonable release time during their regularly scheduled work day to handle B&ECPL/Association matters (e.g. grievance handling, contract administration and enforcement, etc.) In this regard, reasonable efforts shall be made by the Association President to conduct such business, where feasible, outside of such scheduled workday and further, such release time shall not interfere with the actual work time of any other B&ECPL employee. Any such release time shall not be unreasonably withheld and shall be fully paid, with no charge to accruals.

(b) Effective January 1, 2005, the Administration will grant release time to the Association President in conjunction with the new employee orientation program to be held quarterly. Such release time shall be for the purpose of explaining Association membership, services, programs and activities to new employees. Such release time shall be fully paid with no charge to accruals.

(c) Effective January 1, 2005, the Administration shall grant up to six (6) paid leave days per year to the Association President and up to six (6) paid leave days in total, per year, to their designees for Association-related conferences, meetings and workshops, without charge to accruals. The total number of such

leave days shall not exceed twelve (12) per year. An employee requesting an Association leave day must notify their supervisor and Human Resources, in writing, no fewer than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the leave day requested. The Administration reserves the right to deny requests for leave made under this paragraph for operational needs; however, such requests shall not be unreasonably denied.

Section 5.5 Employee Relations Committee

Association representatives shall be entitled to meet on a reasonable number of occasions with the Employee Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees for the purpose of discussing matters of mutual concern to the Association and the Library. Written notice of the Association's desire to meet with the Committee, which shall contain a summary of the matters which the Association proposes for discussion, shall be given to the Library Director. The meeting of the Association representatives and the Committee shall take place as soon thereafter as arrangements therefore can reasonably be made.

Section 5.6 Facilities

Space in the Central Library, to be selected by mutual agreement of the Library Director and the Association President, shall be made available to the Association for use as an office. The Association may use the Central Meeting Room during hours when the Library is open and without charge. Unless previously reserved by another group, the Association may use the auditorium without charge (so long as admission is not charged) under the same rules as applicable to other groups. The Association may use the Central Library as its mailing address. Notices of Association activities may be posted on the Library's bulletin boards or, in the alternative, the Association may install its own bulletin board for that purpose at a place in the Central Library approved by the Library Director.

ARTICLE 6 - GRIEVANCES

Section 6.1 General

6.1.1 Grievance:

The following definitions apply in interpreting the provisions of this article:

- (a) "Grievance" means a claim that a party has violated, misapplied or misinterpreted a provision of this Agreement.
- (b) "Grievant" means a party or a Librarian who has a grievance.
- (c) "Consecutive working days" means a period of consecutive calendar days excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

6.1.2 Forms:

A written grievance by (a) a full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee, or (b) the Association on its own behalf, or (c) the Association on behalf of a full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee and with the concurrence of its board of directors, may be submitted on the form shown in Appendix E. Grievance forms will be provided by the Association.

6.1.3 Association Assistance:

A full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee shall have the right to be represented by an Association representative at any step of the grievance procedure. However, nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting a full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee from submitting and appealing a grievance without the assistance of, or representation by, the Association. In such situations, the Deputy Director or designee (at Level I) or the Library Director or designee (at Level II), as the case may be, will meet and discuss the matter with Association representatives prior to making the adjustment.

6.1.4 Time Limits:

The time limits set forth in this Article 6 must be strictly adhered to by full-time, regular part-time and part-time Librarians or Librarian Trainees and the parties. However, the parties may by mutual consent extend any such time limit, provided that any such extension must be evidenced by a written memorandum signed by both parties. The failure of the grievant to proceed within the time limits set forth shall terminate the grievance at that point. The failure of the Library to answer within the time limits set forth will entitle the grievant to proceed to the next level of the grievance procedure, upon notice to the Library.

6.1.5 Representatives:

The Library shall furnish to the Association a list of its representatives for each level of the grievance procedure. The Deputy Director or designee at Level I normally will be the Deputy Director or designee responsible for the Branch Library or Central Library department from which the grievance originates and the Contract Library Director in the case of a Contract Library full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee or their respective designees. The Association shall furnish, to the Library, a list of its representatives for each level of the grievance procedure.

Section 6.2 Procedure

6.2.1 Initial Level:

If the grievant is a full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian

Trainee, the grievance shall be submitted at Level I. If the grievant is the Association and the grievance involves employees from more than one Contract Library, Branch or department of the Central Library, the grievance shall be submitted in writing at Level II or if the grievant is the Library, it shall be submitted in writing at Level II. Initial submission of a grievance, regardless of level, shall be within thirty (30) calendar days of the occurrence of the facts which gave rise to the grievance or the time when the grievant had actual knowledge or should have known of such facts, whichever is later.

6.2.2 Level I:

The grievant shall present their grievance in writing on an appropriate grievance form (Appendix E) to the appropriate Deputy Director, Contract Library Director or designee. At the written request of the grievant, the Deputy Director, Contract Library Director or their designee, if such request is submitted simultaneously with the submission of the grievance, shall hold an informal hearing within ten (10) consecutive working days after the submission of such written request. The Deputy Director, Contract Library Director or their designee, shall render a decision in writing within ten (10) consecutive working days after the submission of the grievance or date of hearing, whichever is later.

6.2.3 Level II:

If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level I, the grievant may appeal the grievance to the Library Director, or their designee, within ten (10) consecutive working days after the Deputy Director's or designee's decision in Level I is received or the last day upon which it is due, whichever is earlier. If the grievant is the Library, the grievance may be submitted by forwarding the grievance form to the Association President. Within ten (10) consecutive working days after the Library Director, or designee (or Association President) has received a grievance, they shall meet with the grievant in an attempt to resolve the grievance. The Library Director or designee (or, if the Library is the grievant, the Association President) shall answer the grievance in writing not later than the tenth (10th) consecutive working day after the day on which the Level II meeting was held. In case of a grievance filed by or on behalf of a full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarians or Librarian Trainee or Trainees, employed at a Contract Library, Level II will be omitted and the grievant(s) may proceed directly from Level I to arbitration.

Section 6.3 Arbitration

6.3.1 Notice:

A party who desires to appeal a grievance to arbitration may do so by giving written notice thereof to the other party within fifteen (15) consecutive working days after the Library Director or Association President's decision in Level II is received or the last

day, upon which it was due, whichever is earlier. Only one (1) grievance may be appealed to an arbitrator in the course of a single arbitration proceeding unless the parties agree in writing to the appeal of two (2) or more specifically identified grievances.

6.3.2 Selection of Arbitrator:

Unless the parties agree on a mutually acceptable arbitrator within five (5) consecutive working days after the day on which the notice required by paragraph 6.3.1 of this Agreement is given, the appealing party shall send a letter to the New York State Employment Relations Board which:

- (a) Requests arbitration of a specifically identified grievance, and
- (b) Requests the New York State Employment Relations Board to send to each party a list of ten (10) names of arbitrators.

Each party, not later than the tenth (10th) consecutive working day after receipt of its copy of the list, must mail its copy to the New York State Employment Relations Board with any names thereon which are unacceptable to it crossed out and all other names numbered in order to show the party's preference. The New York State Employment Relations Board shall then name the arbitrator most preferred by the parties as indicated on the lists submitted. If the New York State Employment Relations Board determines that no mutually acceptable arbitrator has been selected by the parties, it shall submit a second list of ten (10) names and the same procedure will be followed with respect to it. If the New York State Employment Relations Board determines that no mutually acceptable arbitrator has been selected by the parties from the second list, the New York State Employment Relations Board shall name the arbitrator.

6.3.3 Procedure:

The time and place of the arbitration hearing shall be agreed on by the parties and the arbitrator. The arbitration proceeding shall be governed by the Voluntary Labor Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, but only to the extent that those Rules are consistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

6.3.4 Costs:

One-half (½) of the fees and expenses of the arbitrator must be paid by each party. All other expenses, including the compensation of witnesses, incident to the arbitration must be paid by the party which incurred them, except that, if either party desires a verbatim stenographic record of the arbitration hearing, it may cause such a record to be made at its own expense provided that it furnishes a copy of the record to the arbitrator and a copy to the other party.

6.3.5 Jurisdiction and Binding Effect:

The arbitrator is hereby empowered and authorized to interpret and apply, but not to modify, enlarge or restrict the provisions expressed in this Agreement. The power and authority of the arbitrator does not extend to matters (other than matters expressly covered by this Agreement) which are required by law to be resolved by some other body, to matters which do not constitute a grievance as defined by this Agreement, nor to grievances which have not been timely submitted and appealed as required by this Agreement. The decision of the arbitrator, if made in accordance with their power and authority as herein defined, is final and binding on the parties and the grievant.

Section 6.4 Disciplinary Proceedings

6.4.1 General:

A full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee shall not be disciplined nor discharged except for unsatisfactory work performance or job misconduct and any discipline which the Board, Library Director, Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee, as appropriate seeks to impose must be done in accordance with the provisions of this Section. Discipline includes a formal reprimand, suspension with or without pay, demotion, dismissal or any similar penalty. Whenever feasible, the Board, Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee, as appropriate, shall follow a policy of progressive discipline. If the Board, Library Director, Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee, as appropriate, has any reason to reprimand a full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee, it shall be done in such manner that it will not embarrass the full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee in front of other employees or the public.

6.4.2 Notice of Discipline:

If a representative of the Board, Library Director, Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee, as appropriate, seeks to discipline or discharge a full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee, a written Notice of Discipline shall first be personally served upon the Librarian and the president of the Association; if personal service is not reasonably possible, service can be made by certified mail- return receipt requested. The Notice of Discipline shall contain the penalty being imposed and the reasons for the discipline, including a detailed description of the alleged acts and/or conduct complained of with dates, times and places.

6.4.3 Timeliness of Discipline:

A full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee shall not be disciplined for acts which occurred more than one (1) year prior to his receipt of the

Notice of Discipline (unless said acts of misconduct or incompetency would constitute a crime under the laws of the State of New York) and the Board, Library Director, Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee, as appropriate, shall not take into account any prior disciplinary action against the Librarian which occurred more than three (3) years prior to the date of discipline.

6.4.4 Appeal:

Within ten (10) working days after the full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee receives the Notice of Discipline, they may file a written appeal with the Board, Library Director, President of the Contract Library Board or designee; said appeal shall be considered to be filed upon the date it is postmarked, if mailed, or upon the date it is hand delivered to the Library Director, President of the Contract Library Board or designee's office.

6.4.5 Director's Hearing:

The Library Director, their designee, Contract Library Board or its designee shall schedule a hearing to be held within fifteen (15) working days after the date of their receipt of the written appeal. The Library Director or designee shall inform the full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee and the Association President in writing of the time and place of the hearing. The full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee may be represented at the hearing by counsel of their choosing and/or by a representative or representatives of the Association and both parties shall have the right to summon witnesses. The technical rules of evidence need not be complied with and the parties shall be allowed to present any and all relevant written information and oral argument concerning the matter. The Board, Contract Library Board or designee shall provide a written decision to the full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee and the Association President within ten (10) working days following the close of the hearing.

6.4.6 Arbitration:

If the full-time, regular part-time, or part-time Librarian, Librarian Trainee or the Association is not satisfied with the Library Director's, Board's, Contract Library Board's or designee's decision, it can notify the Library Director, Contract Library Board or designee, or President of the Contract Library Board or designee in writing within ten (10) days after receipt of their decision that it is proceeding to binding arbitration. In addition, if the discipline which the Library Director, Board, Contract Library Board or designee seeks to impose is to discharge or suspend the full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee without pay; the full-time regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee has the option to proceed directly to arbitration without going through the Director's hearing.

6.4.7 Selection of Arbitrator:

If the Association or the full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee invokes its right to arbitration, either party will have the right to request a list of the names of five (5) arbitrators from the New York State Public Employment Relations Board. Upon receipt of such list, each party will strike two (2) names from the list and the remaining name will be the arbitrator designated to hear the arbitration.

6.4.8 Conduct of the Arbitration:

The duties of the arbitrator shall be to conduct a hearing to determine whether the full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainees guilty of the misconduct or unsatisfactory work performance charges and the appropriateness of the proposed penalty. If the arbitrator finds the proposed penalty is inappropriate, they may determine that any appropriate action be taken and may devise a new remedy but may not impose a worse penalty than that sought by the Board. The arbitrator shall not have the right to modify the provisions of this Agreement. The arbitrator's decision shall be rendered within thirty (30) days after completion of the hearing or after the receipt of the written briefs of both parties, if post-hearing briefs are to be submitted. If a decision is not rendered within the stated time, both parties will jointly contract the arbitrator to expedite the decision. The cost of any arbitration hearing will be borne equally by the parties to the arbitration. The same rules of evidence, etc. applicable at the Library Director's hearing (and set forth in Section 6.4.5) shall be applicable to the arbitration. Any offer of compromise or settlement made by either party prior to arbitration shall not be admissible at the arbitration hearing. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding upon all parties to the proceeding.

6.4.9 Extension of Time:

Any period of time provided in this Section may be extended upon the written consent of the Board or Contract Library Board, the affected full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian(s) or Librarian Trainee(s) and the Association.

ARTICLE 7 - PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL

Section 7.1 Members:

The parties agree to continue the "Professional Council" composed of six (6) members, three (3) of whom shall be members of the Association selected by it and three (3) of whom shall be selected by the Library Director; each member shall serve at the pleasure of the party which appointed them. The members shall select a chairman who will be responsible for the arrangement and conduct of the meetings and who shall serve for a term of one (1) year. The chairmanship shall alternate thereafter every year between members selected by the Director and those selected by the Association.

Section 7.2 Meetings:

The Professional Council shall meet on call of its Chairman or of the Association President or of the Library Director to discuss and study subjects placed on its agenda by either party or by any two (2) members of the Council. The Council shall establish its own rules of procedures. The Council may consider both negotiable and nonnegotiable matters, and the fact that a matter is considered or proposed for consideration by the Council shall in no way imply that such matter is negotiable.

Section 7.3 Committees:

The Professional Council may establish committees for the discussion and study of any item on the Council's agenda. Members of the committees need not be members of the Council.

Section 7.4 Reports:

Reports of the committees shall be made to the Council; reports of the Council shall be made to the Library Director and the Association President. Recommendations of the Council shall be adopted by majority vote of the entire Council. Such recommendations shall not be binding on the parties.

ARTICLE 8 - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.1 Residency:

Unless Civil Service Law provides to the contrary, appointments and promotions of full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarians or Librarian Trainees to positions in any unit of the Library must be made without regard to the residency of the full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee.

Section 8.2 Positions Sought:

Each full-time or regular part-time Librarian of the B&ECPL shall, at least once annually, on forms provided for that purpose by Human Resources, state their desire, if any, to be considered for another position or positions within the B&ECPL negotiating unit.

Section 8.3 Positions Available for Transferability:

The parties recognize the desirability of giving notice of position vacancies to full-time, regular part-time and part-time Librarians or Librarian Trainees within the negotiation unit. Accordingly, each permanent vacancy shall be posted and notices sent to all libraries for a period of ten (10) days before the vacancy is filled.

- (a) Transfers to Long-Term Temporary Vacancies: In the event, there is a need to fill a long-term, temporary vacancy (expected to exceed three (3)

months, but not expected to exceed one (1) year), the Library will notify the Human Resources Office of such vacancy. The Human Resources Office will prepare a posting regarding the vacancy, which shall be distributed to all libraries and posted for a period of ten (10) days.

Full-time Librarians will have the opportunity to volunteer for such vacancy. If more than one (1) qualified full-time Librarian volunteers, the Librarian with the greater number of years of employment with the Library will be selected. If no volunteers are forthcoming, the selection of the full-time Librarian will be made by the Library Director in consultation with the Contract Library Directors and the Deputy Director or designee. Whenever possible, such transfers will be limited to participating libraries within a region to minimize inconvenience of affected employees.

(b) Short-Term Reassignments: In the event of the need for a short-term reassignment (defined as a reassignment not expected to exceed three (3) months), attempts will be made to solicit volunteers from libraries. If more than one (1) qualified full-time Librarian volunteers, the Librarian with the greater number of years of employment with the Library will be selected. If no volunteers are forthcoming, the selection of the full-time Librarian will be made by the Library Director in consultation with the Contract Library Directors and the Deputy Director or designee. Whenever possible, such reassignments will be limited to participating libraries within a region to minimize inconvenience of affected employees.

(c) Reassignment and/or Transfer to Permanent Positions: All reassignments and/or transfers to permanent positions will first be offered for voluntary reassignment and/or transfer. If more than one (1) qualified Librarian volunteers, the Librarian with the greater number of years of employment with the Library will be selected. If no volunteers are forthcoming, then the least senior qualified Librarian will be reassigned and/or transferred. "Qualified" Librarian for the purposes of this Subsection, shall be based on a Librarian's relevant work experience to ensure an appropriate fit for the position, and shall be determined by the Library Director in consultation with the Deputy Director or designee. Whenever possible such involuntary reassignments will be limited to participating libraries within a region to minimize inconvenience of affected employees.

Section 8.4 County-Wide Common Promotional Unit:

All full-time and regular part-time Librarians employed by any unit of the Library shall be placed in one (1) county-wide common promotional unit for Civil Service purposes. Transfers or promotions within this common promotional unit shall entail no loss or reduction of employees' benefits, regardless of whether or not the full-time or regular part-time Librarian transfers from the jurisdiction of one (1) library board to another.

Section 8.5 Abolished Positions:

If any existing position shall be abolished for any reason, the full-time or regular part-time Librarian in that position will be given first priority to transfer to any vacant position for which they are qualified.

Section 8.6 Filling Vacancies:

Expediency in filling vacancies is most desirable. The Contract Board shall provide, in writing, to the Library Director justification for any position left vacant beyond six (6) months and such justification shall be made available to the Association upon request.

Section 8.7 Layoff:

Layoffs will be done in accordance with Sections 80 and 81 of New York State Civil Service Law.

Section 8.8 System Meetings:

Each full-time and regular part-time Librarian, where possible, shall have time off from work to attend at least one (1) System Meeting per year, with the meeting subject to the approval of their immediate supervisor. Full-time and regular part-time Librarians shall be encouraged to attend as many additional System Meetings as practicable, with the approval of their supervisor, when the operation of the Library or Department allows.

Section 8.9 Meetings and Committees:

Whenever it will not unreasonably interfere with the operation of a Library or Department:

- (a) During working hours, a full-time or regular part-time Librarian may attend a professional meeting or participate on a committee when that individual's representation has been requested by the Central Library; and
- (b) During working hours, a full-time or regular part-time Librarian may examine resources at the Central Library for material selection or service development purposes.
- (c) The decision as to whether such absence would unreasonably interfere with operations and, if not, which full-time or regular part-time Librarian(s) may attend and when they may do so will be made by the Contract Library Director or the appropriate administrator.

Section 8.10 Professional Development:

Each full-time and regular part-time Librarian shall be allowed up to a maximum of forty

(40) hours of Professional Development per calendar year. Twenty-four (24) hours of said Professional Development must be used solely for the purpose of attending a State or National Library Conference. Any remaining Professional Development time will be used for classes, programs or workshops of a continuing education nature and which include library appropriate subject matter.

(a) The decision as to whether such absence would unreasonably interfere with operations and, if not, which full-time and regular part-time Librarian(s) may attend and when they may do so will be made by the Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee.

(b) In any instance, where Library funding is requested or for classes or workshops exceeding one (1) day in length, approval of the Deputy Director or designee will also be required.

(c) If a full-time or regular part-time Librarian is assigned to attend a class, program or workshop by their Contract Library Director, Administrator or designee, such time spent in such class, program or workshop will not be counted as Professional Development Time.

Section 8.11 Effect of this Agreement:

The parties intend this Agreement to govern and control the relationship between the Library (or the Board) and the Librarians and, in the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and any other rule or regulation of the Board, the Library or the County, this Agreement will control.

Section 8.12 Town Librarians:

Whenever this Agreement applies to a Librarian or Librarian Trainee employed by a Contract Library, "their town Library Director" shall be substituted for any reference herein to the Librarian's "Department Head," "Deputy Director," "Library Director" or Library Human Resources Director; however, if they shall have a Branch head of the library where they are employed, "their Branch Head" shall be substituted for any reference herein to their "Department Head."

Section 8.13 Library Property:

Any full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee who has in their possession property belonging to the Library shall return all such equipment and secure a written receipt prior to such Librarian's termination date. Should such Librarian fail to so return any such Library property, the Librarian's final paycheck shall be withheld until such property is returned.

Section 8.14 Toxic Substance Testing:

Should the Erie County Division of Environmental Control or any other State or Federal authorized testing agency determine that any full-time, regular part-time, part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee has been exposed at the work place to a toxic substance, such employee shall be released from work, with pay, to complete any testing recommended by the Division of Environmental Control or authorized State agency. The full-time, regular part-time, part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee will submit any statement for such testing to their health insurance provider, but the Library will pay for the cost of such testing which is not covered by the employee's health insurance.

Section 8.15 Business Expenses:

When attendances at outside conferences and/or workshops is *required* by the Library, the full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee will be reimbursed in full for expenses subject to B&ECPL policy and administrative procedures (See Continuing Education Policy, VI-12, and Travel Policy, VI-13). If said conference and/or workshop is required, it will be verified in writing to the full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee.

Section 8.16 Notification:

The Library will provide notification to the President of the Association whenever it fills or reclassifies positions.

Section 8.17 Process Improvement:

(a) Process Improvement Study: The Association will be entitled to have no less than five (5) representatives on the Process Improvement Committee (formerly known as the Staffing Models Committee) which will be continued until the Committee's work is concluded. As part of its charge, the Committee will examine Library activities and resource allocations, including review and revisions of job descriptions for positions covered by this Agreement and review of levels of responsibility for those positions.

(b) Upon completion of the Committee's work, the results will be provided to the Association.

Section 8.18 Access to Employees:

Effective January 1, 2005, every month during the duration of this Agreement, the Library's Human Resources Office and each Contract Library Director or designee will furnish the Association with a list of every full-time, regular part-time, part-time Librarian and Librarian Trainee in the bargaining unit in addition to any change of address of current employees in the unit. Such list of new employees will contain the name, address, position, and salary level.

Section 8.19 Pledge Against Coercion:

The Library agrees not to interfere with the rights of full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarians or Librarian Trainees to become members of the Association, and there shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint, or coercion by the Library or any Library Representative against any full-time, regular part-time or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee because of Association membership or because of any full-time, regular part-time, or part-time Librarian or Librarian Trainee activity in an official capacity on behalf of the Association.

ARTICLE 9 - TERM AND RECLASSIFICATION

Section 9.1 Term:


Unless otherwise provided herein, each provision of this Agreement shall be effective from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024, and thereafter unless and until modified by subsequent written agreement between the parties. In the event this Agreement expires before a new Agreement is signed, in the interim period between the termination of this Agreement and the execution of a new one, all provisions of this Agreement will remain in effect and, in addition, each Librarian who receives a satisfactory evaluation pursuant to Section 3.1.1(b) will receive any step or longevity increase (under the 2024 salary schedule) for which they become eligible.

Section 9.2 Reclassification:

If the Librarian job titles are changed from the classified competitive status of Civil Service during the terms of this Agreement, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith to amend this Agreement as it pertains to, and only as it pertains to, promotions, dismissals, layoff, seniority and any other areas presently determined for Librarians by Civil Service law rather than by the terms of this Agreement.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the parties have signed their names below on the dates indicated.

**FOR THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

 2/2/22

Jeannine M. Doyle Date
Interim Director, Buffalo & Erie County
Public Library

**FOR THE LIBRARIANS'
ASSOCIATION OF THE BUFFALO &
ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

 2/2/22

Andrew Maines Date
President, Librarians' Association of the
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library

THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

and

**THE LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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Librarians Association Pay Scale
Effective 1/1/2021

	1	2	3	4	5	A	B	C	D	E	F
Grp 7	39,601	41,667	43,720	45,770	47,825	48,942	50,068	51,174	52,300	53,414	54,538
	1,523.12	1,602.56	1,681.52	1,760.40	1,839.44	1,882.40	1,925.68	1,968.24	2,011.52	2,054.40	2,097.60
	19.039	20.032	21.019	22.005	22.993	23.530	24.071	24.603	25.144	25.680	26.220
Grp 9	45,698	48,391	51,079	53,762	56,451	57,787	59,145	60,472	61,816	63,155	64,497
	1,757.60	1,861.20	1,964.56	2,067.76	2,171.20	2,222.56	2,274.80	2,325.84	2,377.52	2,429.04	2,480.64
	21.970	23.265	24.557	25.847	27.140	27.782	28.435	29.073	29.719	30.363	31.008
Grp 10	49,055	51,985	54,912	57,834	60,776	62,244	63,694	65,162	66,629	68,089	69,551
	1,886.72	1,999.44	2,112.00	2,224.40	2,337.52	2,394.00	2,449.76	2,506.24	2,562.64	2,618.80	2,675.04
	23.584	24.993	26.400	27.805	29.219	29.925	30.622	31.328	32.033	32.735	33.438
Grp 11	55,979	59,001	62,311	65,470	68,642	70,227	71,812	73,387	74,969	76,550	78,135
	2,153.04	2,269.28	2,396.56	2,518.08	2,640.08	2,701.04	2,762.00	2,822.56	2,883.44	2,944.24	3,005.20
	26.913	28.366	29.957	31.476	33.001	33.763	34.525	35.282	36.043	36.803	37.565
Grp 12	59,867	63,373	66,897	70,387	73,900	75,660	77,399	79,167	80,929	82,682	84,440
	2,302.56	2,437.44	2,572.96	2,707.20	2,842.32	2,910.00	2,976.88	3,044.88	3,112.64	3,180.08	3,247.68
	28.782	30.468	32.162	33.840	35.529	36.375	37.211	38.061	38.908	39.751	40.596
Grp 13	65,356	69,185	73,050	76,902	80,725	82,663	84,583	86,526	88,462	90,401	92,335
	2,513.68	2,660.96	2,809.60	2,957.76	3,104.80	3,179.36	3,253.20	3,327.92	3,402.40	3,476.96	3,551.36
	31.421	33.262	35.120	36.972	38.810	39.742	40.665	41.599	42.530	43.462	44.392
Grp 14	72,846	77,191	81,488	85,808	90,131	92,292	94,469	96,647	98,815	100,982	103,149
	2,801.76	2,968.88	3,134.16	3,300.32	3,466.56	3,549.68	3,633.44	3,717.20	3,800.56	3,883.92	3,967.28
	35.022	37.111	39.177	41.254	43.332	44.371	45.418	46.465	47.507	48.549	49.591
Sunday in Charge	37.490		Sunday Reference	32.955		PT in Charge	24.993				

Appendix A-2

Librarians Association Pay Scale
Effective 1/1/2022

	1	2	3	4	5	A	B	C	D	E	F
Grp 7	40,591	42,709	44,812	46,914	49,021	50,165	51,320	52,453	53,608	54,750	55,902
	1,561.20	1,642.64	1,723.52	1,804.40	1,885.44	1,929.44	1,973.84	2,017.44	2,061.84	2,105.76	2,150.08
	19.515	20.533	21.544	22.555	23.568	24.118	24.673	25.218	25.773	26.322	26.876
Grp 9	46,840	49,602	52,356	55,105	57,864	59,232	60,624	61,984	63,361	64,734	66,109
	1,801.52	1,907.76	2,013.68	2,119.44	2,225.52	2,278.16	2,331.68	2,384.00	2,436.96	2,489.76	2,542.64
	22.519	23.847	25.171	26.493	27.819	28.477	29.146	29.800	30.462	31.122	31.783
Grp 10	50,282	53,285	56,285	59,280	62,294	63,800	65,287	66,791	68,295	69,790	71,290
	1,933.92	2,049.44	2,164.80	2,280.00	2,395.92	2,453.84	2,511.04	2,568.88	2,626.72	2,684.24	2,741.92
	24.174	25.618	27.060	28.500	29.949	30.673	31.388	32.111	32.834	33.553	34.274
Grp 11	57,379	60,476	63,868	67,107	70,358	71,983	73,607	75,221	76,844	78,464	80,088
	2,206.88	2,326.00	2,456.48	2,581.04	2,706.08	2,768.56	2,831.04	2,893.12	2,955.52	3,017.84	3,080.32
	27.586	29.075	30.706	32.263	33.826	34.607	35.388	36.164	36.944	37.723	38.504
Grp 12	61,364	64,958	68,569	72,147	75,747	77,551	79,333	81,147	82,952	84,750	86,551
	2,360.16	2,498.40	2,637.28	2,774.88	2,913.36	2,982.72	3,051.28	3,121.04	3,190.48	3,259.60	3,328.88
	29.502	31.230	32.966	34.686	36.417	37.284	38.141	39.013	39.881	40.745	41.611
Grp 13	66,991	70,916	74,876	78,824	82,742	84,731	86,699	88,689	90,673	92,662	94,644
	2,576.56	2,727.52	2,879.84	3,031.68	3,182.40	3,258.88	3,334.56	3,411.12	3,487.44	3,563.92	3,640.16
	32.207	34.094	35.998	37.896	39.780	40.736	41.682	42.639	43.593	44.549	45.502
Grp 14	74,668	79,121	83,524	87,953	92,383	94,598	96,830	99,064	101,286	103,507	105,728
	2,871.84	3,043.12	3,212.48	3,382.80	3,553.20	3,638.40	3,724.24	3,810.16	3,895.60	3,981.04	4,066.48
	35.898	38.039	40.156	42.285	44.415	45.480	46.553	47.627	48.695	49.763	50.831
Sunday in Charge	38.427		Sunday Reference	33.779		PT in Charge	25.618				

Appendix A-3

Librarians Association Pay Scale
Effective 1/1/2023

	1	2	3	4	5	A	B	C	D	E	F
Grp 7	41,606	43,776	45,933	48,088	50,247	51,420	52,603	53,764	54,947	56,118	57,300
	1,600.24	1,683.68	1,766.64	1,849.52	1,932.56	1,977.68	2,023.20	2,067.84	2,113.36	2,158.40	2,203.84
	20.003	21.046	22.083	23.119	24.157	24.721	25.290	25.848	26.417	26.980	27.548
Grp 9	48,011	50,841	53,664	56,482	59,309	60,713	62,140	63,534	64,946	66,352	67,762
	1,846.56	1,955.44	2,064.00	2,172.40	2,281.12	2,335.12	2,390.00	2,443.60	2,497.92	2,552.00	2,606.24
	23.082	24.443	25.800	27.155	28.514	29.189	29.875	30.545	31.224	31.900	32.578
Grp 10	51,538	54,617	57,693	60,763	63,852	65,395	66,920	68,461	70,002	71,535	73,072
	1,982.24	2,100.64	2,218.96	2,337.04	2,455.84	2,515.20	2,573.84	2,633.12	2,692.40	2,751.36	2,810.48
	24.778	26.258	27.737	29.213	30.698	31.440	32.173	32.914	33.655	34.392	35.131
Grp 11	58,814	61,988	65,466	68,786	72,118	73,782	75,448	77,101	78,765	80,425	82,091
	2,262.08	2,384.16	2,517.92	2,645.60	2,773.76	2,837.76	2,901.84	2,965.44	3,029.44	3,093.28	3,157.36
	28.276	29.802	31.474	33.070	34.672	35.472	36.273	37.068	37.868	38.666	39.467
Grp 12	62,899	66,583	70,283	73,950	77,640	79,489	81,318	83,175	85,026	86,869	88,714
	2,419.20	2,560.88	2,703.20	2,844.24	2,986.16	3,057.28	3,127.60	3,199.04	3,270.24	3,341.12	3,412.08
	30.240	32.011	33.790	35.553	37.327	38.216	39.095	39.988	40.878	41.764	42.651
Grp 13	68,665	72,688	76,748	80,793	84,812	86,848	88,866	90,906	92,941	94,979	97,011
	2,640.96	2,795.68	2,951.84	3,107.44	3,262.00	3,340.32	3,417.92	3,496.40	3,574.64	3,653.04	3,731.20
	33.012	34.946	36.898	38.843	40.775	41.754	42.724	43.705	44.683	45.663	46.640
Grp 14	76,534	81,099	85,613	90,151	94,692	96,963	99,251	101,541	103,817	106,095	108,372
	2,943.60	3,119.20	3,292.80	3,467.36	3,642.00	3,729.36	3,817.36	3,905.44	3,992.96	4,080.56	4,168.16
	36.795	38.990	41.160	43.342	45.525	46.617	47.717	48.818	49.912	51.007	52.102
Sunday in Charge	39.387		Sunday Reference	34.623		PT in Charge	26.258				

Appendix A-4

Librarians Association Pay Scale
Effective 1/1/2024

	1	2	3	4	5	A	B	C	D	E	F
Grp 7	42,646	44,870	47,081	49,290	51,503	52,705	53,918	55,108	56,320	57,522	58,733
	1,640.24	1,725.76	1,810.80	1,895.76	1,980.88	2,027.12	2,073.76	2,119.52	2,166.16	2,212.40	2,258.96
	20.503	21.572	22.635	23.697	24.761	25.339	25.922	26.494	27.077	27.655	28.237
Grp 9	49,211	52,112	55,006	57,895	60,792	62,232	63,694	65,123	66,570	68,012	69,455
	1,892.72	2,004.32	2,115.60	2,226.72	2,338.16	2,393.52	2,449.76	2,504.72	2,560.40	2,615.84	2,671.36
	23.659	25.054	26.445	27.834	29.227	29.919	30.622	31.309	32.005	32.698	33.392
Grp 10	52,826	55,981	59,134	62,281	65,447	67,030	68,592	70,173	71,752	73,324	74,899
	2,031.76	2,153.12	2,274.40	2,395.44	2,517.20	2,578.08	2,638.16	2,698.96	2,759.68	2,820.16	2,880.72
	25.397	26.914	28.430	29.943	31.465	32.226	32.977	33.737	34.496	35.252	36.009
Grp 11	60,285	63,538	67,103	70,506	73,921	75,627	77,334	79,030	80,735	82,437	84,144
	2,318.64	2,443.76	2,580.88	2,711.76	2,843.12	2,908.72	2,974.40	3,039.60	3,105.20	3,170.64	3,236.32
	28.983	30.547	32.261	33.897	35.539	36.359	37.180	37.995	38.815	39.633	40.454
Grp 12	64,472	68,247	72,041	75,799	79,581	81,476	83,350	85,255	87,152	89,041	90,931
	2,479.68	2,624.88	2,770.80	2,915.36	3,060.80	3,133.68	3,205.76	3,279.04	3,352.00	3,424.64	3,497.36
	30.996	32.811	34.635	36.442	38.260	39.171	40.072	40.988	41.900	42.808	43.717
Grp 13	70,381	74,506	78,666	82,813	86,932	89,020	91,087	93,180	95,264	97,354	99,436
	2,706.96	2,865.60	3,025.60	3,185.12	3,343.52	3,423.84	3,503.36	3,583.84	3,664.00	3,744.40	3,824.48
	33.837	35.820	37.820	39.814	41.794	42.798	43.792	44.798	45.800	46.805	47.806
Grp 14	78,447	83,127	87,753	92,406	97,059	99,387	101,733	104,079	106,413	108,747	111,082
	3,017.20	3,197.20	3,375.12	3,554.08	3,733.04	3,822.56	3,912.80	4,003.04	4,092.80	4,182.56	4,272.40
	37.715	39.965	42.189	44.426	46.663	47.782	48.910	50.038	51.160	52.282	53.405
Sunday in Charge	40.371		Sunday Reference	35.489		PT in Charge	26.914				

Enhanced Plan Summary of Benefits

POS 202

Deductibles/Maximums	
In-network deductible	N/A
In-network co-insurance	N/A
Medical in-network out-of-pocket maximum	\$5,125/\$10,250
Pharmacy in-network out-of-pocket maximum	\$1,725/\$3,450
Out-of-network deductible	\$300/\$600
Out-of-network co-insurance	20%
Out-of-network out of pocket maximum	\$2,000/\$4,000
Annual maximum	Unlimited
Lifetime maximum	Unlimited
Benefit administration	Calendar year
Dependent age	26
Student age	26
Dependent/Student coverage ends	End of birth month
Domestic partner	No Coverage for domestic partner
Prescription Drug	
Prescription copay	\$0/\$7/\$10
Mail order copay per 90-day supply	1 copay
Option 90 - 90 day supply at retail	2.5 copays
Medical Services	
Primary care physician copay	\$8
Specialist copay	\$8
Pediatric visits for children up to age 19	\$8
Well child visits and immunizations for children up to age 19	Covered in full
Allergy immunotherapy	\$8
Chiropractic care	\$8
Chiropractic care - 8 maintenance visits	\$8
Laboratory services	Covered in full
Radiology (x-ray, MRI, CT & other high tech imaging)	\$8
Pre & post natal care	Covered in full after initial \$8 copay
Physician Services - Preventive	
Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening	Covered in full
Adult immunizations (flu vaccinations covered in full)	Covered in full
Bone mineral density screening	Covered in full
Routine colorectal cancer screening	Covered in full
Routine mammogram	Covered in full
Routine OB/GYN	Covered in full
Routine pap smear	Covered in full
Routine physical exam	Covered in full
PSA test	Covered in full
Routine eye exam	Covered in full

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Enhanced Plan Summary of Benefits

POS 202

Hospital	
Inpatient hospital stay	Covered in full
Inpatient maternity stay	Covered in full
Outpatient surgery	\$8
Emergency Hospital Care	
Emergency room (copay waived if admitted to hospital)	\$35
Ambulance - ground ambulance	\$35
Ambulance - air ambulance	\$35
Urgent care centers	\$8
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	
Inpatient mental health	Covered in full
Outpatient mental health	\$8
Inpatient alcohol & substance abuse detoxification	Covered in full
Inpatient alcohol & substance abuse rehabilitation	Covered in full
Outpatient alcohol & substance abuse	\$8
Other Services	
Cardiac rehabilitation (24 visits within 12 weeks of acute episode)	\$8
Chemotherapy	\$8
Dialysis	\$8
Durable medical equipment	20% co-insurance
Home care	Unlimited visits, Covered in full
Hospice	Covered in full
Acupuncture (6 visits per calendar year)	\$8
Massage (12 visits per calendar year)	\$8
Routine podiatry care	\$8
Physical, speech & occupational therapy	30 visits per therapy, \$8
Prosthetic and orthotic appliances	20% co-insurance
Radiation therapy	\$8
Skilled nursing facility (Not Long Term Care-Rehab only)	Unlimited days, Covered in full

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**Core Plan
Summary of Benefits**

POS 203

Deductibles/Maximums	
In-network deductible	N/A
In-network co-insurance	N/A
Medical in-network out-of-pocket maximum	\$5,125/\$10,250
Pharmacy in-network out-of-pocket maximum	\$1,725/\$3,450
Out-of-network deductible	\$500/\$1,000
Out-of-network co-insurance	20%
Out-of-network out of pocket maximum	\$2,500/\$5,000
Annual maximum	Unlimited
Lifetime maximum	Unlimited
Benefit administration	Calendar year
Dependent age	26
Student age	26
Dependent/Student coverage ends	End of birth month
Domestic partner	No Coverage for domestic partner
Prescription Drug	
Prescription copay	\$5/\$7/\$10
Mail order copay per 90-day supply	1 copay
Option 90 - 90 day supply at retail	2.5 copays
Medical Services	
Primary care physician copay	\$10
Specialist copay	\$10
Pediatric visits for children up to age 19	\$10
Well child visits and immunizations for children up to age 19	Covered in full
Allergy immunotherapy	\$10
Chiropractic care	\$10
Chiropractic care - 8 maintenance visits	\$10
Laboratory services	Covered in full
Radiology (x-ray, MRI, CT & other high tech imaging)	\$10
Pre & post natal care	Covered in full after initial \$10 copay
Physician Services - Preventive	
Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening	Covered in full
Adult immunizations (flu vaccinations covered in full)	Covered in full
Bone mineral density screening	Covered in full
Routine colorectal cancer screening	Covered in full
Routine mammogram	Covered in full
Routine OB/GYN	Covered in full
Routine pap smear	Covered in full
Routine physical exam	Covered in full
PSA test	Covered in full
Routine eye exam	Covered in full

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Core Plan

Summary of Benefits

POS 203

Hospital	
Inpatient hospital stay	\$100 deductible
Inpatient maternity stay	\$100 deductible
Outpatient surgery	\$10
Emergency Hospital Care	
Emergency room (copay waived if admitted to hospital)	\$50
Ambulance - ground ambulance	\$50
Ambulance - air ambulance	\$50
Urgent care centers	\$10
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	
Inpatient mental health	\$100 deductible
Outpatient mental health	\$10
Inpatient alcohol & substance abuse detoxification	\$100 deductible
Inpatient alcohol & substance abuse rehabilitation	\$100 deductible
Outpatient alcohol & substance abuse	\$10
Other Services	
Cardiac rehabilitation (24 visits within 12 weeks of acute episode)	\$10
Chemotherapy	\$10
Dialysis	\$10
Durable medical equipment	50% co-insurance
Home care	Unlimited visits, Covered in full
Hospice	Covered in full
Acupuncture (6 visits per calendar year)	\$10
Massage therapy (12 visits per calendar year)	\$10
Routine podiatry care	\$10
Physical, speech & occupational therapy	30 visits per therapy, \$10
Prosthetic and orthotic appliances	50% co-insurance
Radiation therapy	\$10
Skilled nursing facility (Not Long Term Care-Rehab only)	Unlimited days, Covered in full

revised 1/1/2016 *Actives*(00999194, 00400674, 00402041, 00402531, 00400051, 00403439, 00403440/0002)

Retirees (00999194, 00400674, 00402041, 00402531, 00400051, 00403439, 00403440/0004 & 0007)

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Value Plan
Summary of Benefits

POS 204

Deductibles/Maximums	
In-network deductible	N/A
In-network co-insurance	N/A
Medical in-network out-of-pocket maximum	\$5,125/\$10,250
Pharmacy in-network out-of-pocket maximum	\$1,725/\$3,450
Out-of-network deductible	\$1,000/\$2,000
Out-of-network co-insurance	25%
Out-of-network out of pocket maximum	\$2,500/\$5,000
Annual maximum	Unlimited
Lifetime maximum	Unlimited
Benefit administration	Calendar year
Dependent age	26
Student age	26
Dependent/Student coverage ends	End of birth month
Domestic partner	No Coverage for domestic partner
Prescription Drug	
Prescription copay	\$10/\$15/\$20
Mail order copay per 90-day supply	1 copay
Option 90 - 90 day supply at retail	2.5 copays
Medical Services	
Primary care physician copay	\$15
Specialist copay	\$15
Pediatric visits for children up to age 19	\$15
Well child visits and immunizations for children up to age 19	Covered in full
Allergy immunotherapy	\$15
Chiropractic	\$15
Laboratory services	Covered in full
Radiology (x-ray, MRI, CT & other high tech imaging)	\$15
Pre & post natal care	Covered in full after initial \$15 copay
Physician Services - Preventive	
Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening	Covered in full
Adult immunizations (flu vaccinations covered in full)	Covered in full
Bone mineral density screening	Covered in full
Routine colorectal cancer screening	Covered in full
Routine mammogram	Covered in full
Routine OB/GYN	Covered in full
Routine pap smear	Covered in full
Routine physical exam	Covered in full
PSA test	Covered in full
Routine eye exam	Covered in full

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Value Plan Summary of Benefits

POS 204

Hospital	
Inpatient hospital stay	\$300 deductible
Inpatient maternity stay	\$300 deductible
Outpatient surgery	\$15
Emergency Hospital Care	
Emergency room (copay waived if admitted to hospital)	\$100
Ambulance - ground ambulance	\$100
Ambulance - air ambulance	\$100
Urgent care centers	\$15
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	
Inpatient mental health	\$300 deductible
Outpatient mental health	\$15
Inpatient alcohol & substance abuse detoxification	\$300 deductible
Inpatient alcohol & substance abuse rehabilitation	\$300 deductible
Outpatient alcohol & substance abuse	\$15
Other Services	
Cardiac rehabilitation (24 visits within 12 weeks of acute episode)	\$15
Chemotherapy	\$15
Dialysis	\$15
Durable medical equipment	50% co-insurance
Home care	Unlimited visits, Covered in full
Hospice	Covered in full
Accupuncture (6 visits per calendar year)	Not Available
Massage (12 visits per calendar year)	Not Available
Routine podiatry care	\$15
Physical, speech & occupational therapy	20 visits per therapy, \$15
Prosthetic and orthotic appliances	50% co-insurance
Radiation therapy	\$15
Skilled nursing facility (Not long Term Care-Rehab only)	Unlimited days, Covered in full

revised 1/1/2016 **Actives** (00999194, 00400674, 00402041, 00402531, 00400051, 00403439, 00403440/0001)

Retirees (00999194, 00402041, 00402531/0006) (00400051, 00403439, 00403440/0005)

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LMHF Bronze Plan Summary of Benefits

Healthy Balance POS 8200

Deductibles/Maximums	
In-network deductible (Combined with out-of-network deductible)	\$2000/\$4000
In-network co-insurance	20% after deductible
In-network out-of-pocket maximum	\$4000/\$8000
Out-of-network deductible (Combined with in-network deductible)	\$2000/\$4000
Out-of-network co-insurance	40% after deductible
Out-of-network out-of-pocket maximum	Unlimited
Annual maximum	Unlimited
Lifetime maximum	Unlimited
Benefit administration	Calendar year benefits
Dependent age	26
Student age	26
Dependent/Student coverage ends	Birth date
Domestic partner	No coverage for domestic partner
Prescription Drug	
Prescription copay	Deductible then \$15/\$50/50%
Mail order copay per 90-day supply	1 copay
Option 90 - 90 day supply at retail	2.5 copays
Physician Services - Office	
Primary care physician copay	20% after deductible
Specialist copay	20% after deductible
Pediatric visits for children up to age 19	20% after deductible
Well child visits and immunizations for children up to age 19	Covered in full
Allergy immunotherapy	20% after deductible
Chiropractic	20% after deductible
Laboratory services	20% after deductible
Radiology (X-ray, MRI, CT and other high-tech imaging)	20% after deductible
Pre and post natal care	20% after deductible
Physician Services - Preventive	
Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening	Covered in full
Adult immunizations (flu vaccinations covered in full)	Covered in full
Bone mineral density screening	Covered in full
Routine colorectal cancer screening	Covered in full
Routine mammogram	Covered in full
Routine OB/GYN	Covered in full
Routine pap smear	Covered in full
Routine physical exam	Covered in full
PSA test	Covered in full
Routine eye exam	Covered in full

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LMHF Bronze Plan
Summary of Benefits

Healthy Balance POS 8200

Hospital	
Inpatient hospital stay	20% after deductible
Inpatient maternity stay	20% after deductible
Outpatient surgery	20% after deductible
Emergency Hospital Care	
Emergency room (copay waived if admitted to hospital)	20% after deductible
Ambulance - ground	20% after deductible
Ambulance - air	20% after deductible
Urgent care centers	20% after deductible
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	
Inpatient mental health	20% after deductible
Outpatient mental health	20% after deductible
Inpatient alcohol and substance abuse detoxification	20% after deductible
Inpatient alcohol and substance abuse rehabilitation	20% after deductible
Outpatient alcohol and substance abuse	20% after deductible
Other Services	
Cardiac rehabilitation (24 visits within 12 weeks of acute episode)	20% after deductible
Chemotherapy	20% after deductible
Dialysis	20% after deductible
Durable medical equipment	20% after deductible
Home care	40 visits; 20% after deductible
Hospice	20% after deductible
Physical, speech and occupational therapy	30 visits; 20% after deductible
Prosthetic and orthotic appliances	20% after deductible
Radiation therapy	20% after deductible
Skilled nursing facility	60 days; 20% after deductible

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COUNTY OF ERIE HEALTH & DENTAL INSURANCE WAIVER

NO COUNTY PROVIDED HEALTH INSURANCE FOR YOU OR FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS
WILL BE CONTINUED UNDER THE EFFECTIVE TERMS OF THIS WAIVER

I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive my rights to County provided health and dental insurance coverage pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Erie and the:

1. Blue Collar Unit: AFSCME Council 66, Local 1095, AFL-CIO
2. White Collar Unit: #815, CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO
3. New York State Nurse's Association (NYSNA)
4. The Librarian's Association of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library
5. No Bargaining Unit Managerial Confidential Status
6. Faculty Federation of Erie Community College
7. Teamsters Local 264

NOTE: (To elect to waive health and dental insurance you must circle the entire name of the bargaining unit (above) to which you belong, or Managerial Confidential status if you are exempt from bargaining unit status)

I understand the RISK inherent in electing the Health Insurance Waiver Option and assume any and all responsibility for said RISK to myself, my heirs, executors and administrators.

I release any and all rights and claims I may have against the County of Erie and/or the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library and/or the bargaining agent circled above, and their respective representatives, as a result of my waiver of health and dental insurance coverage to which I was previously entitled.

**IMPORTANT: If you waive only the Health Insurance and keep the Dental Insurance,
you will pay full price for the Dental Insurance**

I have read the above Waiver and upon my reading, fully understand its content.

Employee Signature _____ Date of Signature _____

Employee _____ Department _____
(Please Print)

Social Security No. _____ Date of Hire: _____

Effective Date: _____ Bargaining Unit: _____

Waiving Health ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Family ☐ Single

Waiving Dental ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Family ☐ Single

In accordance with the Affordable Healthcare Act, individuals are required to accept Healthcare coverage, unless you are covered by another plan. What plan will you be covered by: _____

You cannot apply for a Waiver if you are eligible or covered by another County sponsored plan.

I attest I am not covered by another County sponsored plan. _____
(Signature)

1. DEPENDENT INFORMATION

Spouse / Child * Male / Female (circle one each)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street _____ City/State/Zip _____

Social Security No. _____ DOB: _____ Student? _____ Yes _____ No

2. DEPENDENT INFORMATION

Spouse / Child * Male / Female (circle one each)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street _____ City/State/Zip _____

Social Security No. _____ DOB: _____ Student? _____ Yes _____ No

3. DEPENDENT INFORMATION

Spouse / Child * Male / Female (circle one each)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street _____ City/State/Zip _____

Social Security No. _____ DOB: _____ Student? _____ Yes _____ No

4. DEPENDENT INFORMATION

Spouse / Child * Male / Female (circle one each)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street _____ City/State/Zip _____

Social Security No. _____ DOB: _____ Student? _____ Yes _____ No

WAIVER MUST BE SUBMITTED TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT BY THE 15TH OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH OF EFFECTIVE DATE

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS
Encompass 65 HMO (formerly 402)
Offered by Labor-Management Healthcare Coalition

Medical Services	Copay / Coinsurance
Primary care office visits for Medicare-covered services	\$10 copay
Routine physicals (1 every year)	\$0 copay
Diagnostic x-rays – PCP/Specialist	\$10/\$20 copay
Outpatient Facility	\$10 copay
Laboratory testing	\$0 copay
Chiropractic care	\$15 copay
Specialist visits for Medicare-covered services	\$20 copay
Podiatry services – medically necessary	\$15 copay
Podiatry services – routine up to 3 visits every year	\$15 copay
Bone mass measurement (people at risk)	\$0 copay
Colorectal screening exam (age 50 and older)	\$0 copay
Prostate cancer screening (age 50 and older)	\$0 copay
Immunizations – Hepatitis B vaccine, pneumonia vaccine (for people at risk)	\$0 copay
Immunizations – Influenza vaccine (in network only), H1N1 vaccine	\$0 copay
Diagnostic hearing exams	\$15 copay
Women's Services	
Medicare-covered pelvic exam (High risk annually) Low risk every 24 months)	\$0 copay
Medicare-covered Pap smear (same as above)	\$0 copay
Mammogram – Medicare-covered screening (age 40 and older)	\$0 copay
Hospital Care	
Inpatient hospital care	\$250 copay
Outpatient surgery facility	\$50 copay
Radiation therapy – PCP/Specialist	\$10/\$20 copay
Outpatient Facility	\$0 copay
Cardiac rehabilitation	\$15 copay
Occupational, speech, physical therapy	\$15 copay
Emergency room visit (waived if admitted to hospital)	\$50 copay
Emergency ambulance	\$50 copay
Mental Health Care	
Inpatient (190-day lifetime limit in aggregate with Substance Abuse Treatment)	\$0 copay
Outpatient visits	\$40 copay
Mental Health services with Psychiatrist	\$20 copay
Substance Abuse Treatment	
Inpatient detoxification and rehabilitation services (190 day lifetime limit in a Psychiatric hospital)	\$0 copay
Outpatient visits	20% coinsurance
Other Services	
Diabetic self-monitoring training	\$0 copay
Durable medical equipment	20% coinsurance
Home health care	\$0 copay
Prosthetic appliances	20% copay
Skilled nursing facility (100 days each benefit period)	\$0 copay
For rehabilitation purposes – Not Long Term Care	
Urgent care facility (waived if admitted)	\$50 copay
Formulary Generic/Brand prescription drugs (up to a 30 day supply)	\$7/\$45/\$95 copay
Mail-Order Formulary Generic/Brand prescription drugs (up to 90 day supply)	\$7/\$45/\$95 copay
Out of Pocket maximum	\$3,000
Vision Care	
Routine vision exam (1 every year)	\$0 copay
Medical vision exam	\$20 copay

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SUMMARY OF BENEFITS
Encompass 65 HMO (formerly 401)
Offered by Labor-Management Healthcare Coalition

Medical Services	Copay / Coinsurance
Primary care office visits for Medicare-covered services	\$10 copay
Routine physicals (1 every year)	\$0 copay
Diagnostic x-rays – Outpatient facility	\$10 copay
PCP/Specialist	\$10/\$20 copay
Laboratory testing	\$0 copay
Chiropractic care	\$15 copay
Specialist visits for Medicare-covered services	\$20 copay
Podiatry services – medically necessary	\$15 copay
Podiatry services – routine up to 3 visits every year	\$15 copay
Bone mass measurement (people at risk)	\$0 copay
Colorectal screening exam (age 50 and older)	\$0 copay
Prostate cancer screening (age 50 and older)	\$0 copay
Immunizations – Hepatitis B vaccine, pneumonia vaccine (for people at risk)	\$0 copay
Immunizations – Influenza vaccine (in network only), H1N1 vaccine	\$0 copay
Diagnostic hearing exams	\$15 copay
Women's Services	
Medicare-covered pelvic exam (High risk annually) (Low risk every 24 months)	\$0 copay
Medicare-covered Pap smear (same as above)	\$0 copay
Mammogram – Medicare-covered screening (age 40 and older)	\$0 copay
Hospital Care	
Inpatient hospital care	\$250 copay
Outpatient surgery facility	\$50 copay
Radiation therapy - Outpatient facility	\$0 copay
PCP/Specialist	\$10/\$20 copay
Cardiac rehabilitation	\$15 copay
Occupational, speech, physical therapy	\$15 copay
Emergency room visit (waived if admitted to hospital)	\$50 copay
Emergency ambulance	\$50 copay
Mental Health Care	
Inpatient (190-day lifetime limit in aggregate with Substance Abuse Treatment)	\$0 copay
Outpatient visits	\$40 copay
Mental Health services with Psychiatrist	\$20 copay
Substance Abuse Treatment	
Inpatient detoxification and rehabilitation services (190 day lifetime limit in a Psychiatric hospital)	\$0 copay
Outpatient visits	20% coinsurance
Other Services	
Diabetic self-monitoring training	\$0 copay
Durable medical equipment	20% coinsurance
Home health care	\$0 copay
Prosthetic appliances	20% copay
Skilled nursing facility (100 days each benefit period)	\$0 copay
For rehabilitation purposes – Not Long Term Care	
Urgent care facility (waived if admitted)	\$50 copay
Formulary Generic/Brand prescription drugs (up to a 30 day supply)	\$5 / \$10 / \$95
Mail-Order Formulary Generic/Brand prescription drugs (up to 90 day supply)	\$5 / \$10 / \$95
Out of Pocket maximum	\$3,000
Vision Care	
Routine vision exam (1 every year)	\$0 copay
Medical vision exam	\$20 copay

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SUMMARY OF BENEFITS
Passport PPO (formerly PPO 201)
Offered by Labor-Management Healthcare Coalition

	In-Network Copay	Out-of- Network Copay
Medical Services		
Primary care office visits for Medicare-covered services	\$15 copay	\$20 copay
Routine physicals (1 every year)	\$0 copay	\$20 copay
Diagnostic x-rays	\$15 copay	\$20 copay
Laboratory testing	\$0 copay	\$20 copay
Chiropractic care	\$15 copay	\$20 copay
Specialist visits for Medicare-covered services	\$15 copay	\$20 copay
Podiatry services – medically necessary	\$15 copay	\$20 copay
Podiatry services – routine up to 3 visits every year	\$15 copay	\$20 copay
Bone mass measurement (people at risk)	\$0 copay	\$20 copay
Colorectal screening exam (age 50 and older)	\$0 copay	\$20 copay
Prostate cancer screening (age 50 and older)	\$0 copay	\$20 copay
Immunizations – Hepatitis B vaccine, pneumonia vaccine (for people at risk)	\$0 copay	\$20 copay
Immunizations – Influenza vaccine, H1N1 vaccine	\$0 copay	\$0 copay
Diagnostic hearing exams	\$15 copay	\$20 copay
Women's Services		
Medicare-covered pelvic exam (High risk annually) (Low risk every 24 mos.)	\$0 copay	\$20 copay
Medicare-covered pap smear (same as above)	\$0 copay	\$20 copay
Mammogram - Medicare-covered screening (ages 40 and older)	\$0 copay	\$20 copay
Hospital Care		
Inpatient hospital care	\$100 copay	20% copay
Outpatient surgery facility	\$25 copay	20% copay
Radiation therapy	\$15 copay	\$20 copay
Cardiac rehabilitation	\$20 copay	20% copay
Occupational, speech, physical therapy	\$20 copay	20% copay
Emergency room visit (waived if admitted to hospital)	\$50 copay	\$50 copay
Emergency ambulance	\$50 copay	\$50 copay
Mental Health Care		
Inpatient (190-day lifetime limit)	\$0 copay	20% copay
Outpatient visits	\$40 copay	50% copay
Mental Health services with psychiatrist	\$20 copay	20% copay
Substance Abuse Treatment		
Inpatient detoxification and rehabilitation services (190 day lifetime limit in a Psychiatric hospital)	\$0 copay	20% copay
Outpatient visits	20% copay	20% copay
Other Services		
Diabetic self-monitoring training	\$0 copay	\$20 copay
Durable medical equipment	20% copay	20% copay
Home health care	\$0 copay	10% copay
Prosthetic devices	\$0 copay	20% copay
Skilled nursing facility (100 days each benefit period) For rehabilitation purposes – Not Long Term Care	\$100 copay	20% copay
Formulary Generic/Brand prescription drugs (up to a 30 day supply)	\$10/\$20/\$95	N/A
Mail-Order Formulary Generic/Brand prescription drugs (up to 90 day supply)	\$10/\$20/\$95	
Deductible	N/A	\$3,000
Vision Care		
Routine vision exam (1 every year)	\$0 copay	\$20 copay
Medical vision exam	\$15 copay	\$20 copay

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Appendix D-4

PPO 812 - Retirees Summary of Benefits

Option 4

PPO 812

Deductibles/Maximums	
In-network deductible	N/A
In-network co-insurance	N/A
Medical in-network out-of-pocket maximum	\$5,125/\$10,250
Pharmacy in-network out-of-pocket maximum	\$1,725/\$3,450
Out-of-network deductible	\$500/\$1,000
Out-of-network co-insurance	20%
Out-of-network out of pocket maximum	\$2,500/\$5,000
Annual maximum	Unlimited
Lifetime maximum	Unlimited
Benefit administration	Calendar year
Dependent age	26
Student age	26
Dependent/Student coverage ends	End of birth month
Domestic partner	No Coverage for domestic partner
Prescription Drug	
Prescription copay	\$5/\$7/\$10
Mail order copay per 90-day supply	1 copay
Option 90 - 90 day supply at retail	2.5 copays
Medical Services	
Primary care physician copay	\$10
Specialist copay	\$10
Pediatric visits for children up to age 19	\$10
Well child visits and immunizations for children up to age 19	Covered in full
Allergy immunotherapy	\$10
Chiropractic care	\$10
Chiropractic care - 8 maintenance visits	\$10
Laboratory services	Covered in full
Radiology (x-ray, MRI, CT & other high tech imaging)	\$10
Pre & post natal care	Covered in full after initial \$10 copay
Physician Services - Preventive	
Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening	Covered in full
Adult immunizations (flu vaccinations covered in full)	Covered in full
Bone mineral density screening	Covered in full
Routine colorectal cancer screening	Covered in full
Routine mammogram	Covered in full
Routine OB/GYN	Covered in full
Routine pap smear	Covered in full
Routine physical exam	Covered in full
PSA test	Covered in full
Routine eye exam	Covered in full

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Hospital	
Inpatient hospital stay	\$100 deductible
Inpatient maternity stay	\$100 deductible
Outpatient surgery	\$10
Emergency Hospital Care	
Emergency room (copay waived if admitted to hospital)	\$50
Ambulance - ground ambulance	\$50
Ambulance - air ambulance	\$50
Urgent care centers	\$10
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	
Inpatient mental health	\$100 deductible
Outpatient mental health	\$10
Inpatient alcohol & substance abuse detoxification	\$100 deductible
Inpatient alcohol & substance abuse rehabilitation	\$100 deductible
Outpatient alcohol & substance abuse	\$10
Other Services	
Cardiac rehabilitation (24 visits within 12 weeks of acute episode)	\$10
Chemotherapy	\$10
Dialysis	\$10
Durable medical equipment	50% co-insurance
Home care	Unlimited visits, Covered in full
Hospice	Covered in full
Acupuncture (6 visits per calendar year)	\$10
Massage (12 visits per calendar year)	\$10
Routine podiatry care	\$10
Physical, speech & occupational therapy	30 visits per therapy, \$10
Prosthetic and orthotic appliances	50% co-insurance
Radiation therapy	\$10
Skilled nursing facility (Not long Term Care-Rehab only)	Unlimited days, Covered in full

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****This is a summary of covered benefits and exclusions and is not intended as an actual contract or group plan. It does not detail all benefits, limitations and exclusions that may apply.**

Appendix E

GRIEVANCE FORM

TO: _____ Deputy Director or Contract Library Director

- (1) Who is grieving:
- (2) What the library did or failed to do that the grievant(s) object(s) to:
- (3) Paragraph of the Agreement – or written personnel rule – the foregoing act or failure to act violated:
- (4) Action the grievant(s) believe(s) the Library should take to remedy the situation described above:
- (5) The grievant discussed this grievance with his/her immediate supervisor on
(date) _____.
- (6) Grievant does / does not (circle one) request an informal hearing.
- (7) By submitting this written grievance, the grievant(s) waive(s) all right to have the matter herein grieved adjusted by any other procedure which would otherwise have been available to him.

Signature of Grievant(s)

Dated: _____