

CONSTITUTION MARION COUNTY LIBRARY

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of the library shall be the Marion County Library.

ARTICLE II – Headquarters

The headquarters for the Marion County Library shall be in the Marion County Library in Buena Vista in Marion County.

ARTICLE III – Purpose

The purpose of the Marion County Library shall be to offer a full program of library service to all citizens of Marion County to meet their informational, educational, and recreational needs; to circulate materials to the public through the library in Buena Vista or by other appropriate means of library extension; to develop existing libraries, and to establish and develop branch libraries, deposits, and bookmobile service as appropriate to the needs; to build a reference collection adequate to provide current and reliable information of a reference nature as demanded by the needs of the communities comprising the area served; and to promote the use of libraries by means of instruction, library centered programs, exhibits, and other public relations media. There is to be no conflict between provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws and those of the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System. If inadvertent conflict occurs, the Regional Constitution and Bylaws shall govern.

ARTICLE IV – Constituency

The Marion County Library is a member of the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System under the terms of the participating agreement. Membership in the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library provides the citizens of Marion County with reciprocal borrowing privileges in all libraries in the system. Likewise, the Marion County Library lends materials to citizens of all other counties within the Regional Library System.

ARTICLE V – County Library Board of Trustees

Section 1. The Marion County Library Board of Trustees shall be composed of seven members appointed by the governmental agencies financially supporting the Library on a regular basis. The County Commissioners shall appoint three members; the Buena Vista City Council shall appoint two members; and the Marion County Board of Education shall appoint two members; as specified in the Bylaws and State Law.

Section 2. Terms of office shall be for four years and no member may be appointed to serve more than two consecutive terms without the lapse of one year. Terms shall be staggered so that two expire each year for the first three years and one the fourth year.

Section 3. Officers. Officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of office shall be for one year. An officer may succeed himself. The treasurer shall be bonded for an amount commensurate with the amount of funds handled, and a copy of the bond filed with the Division of Public Library Services of the Georgia Department of Education.

Section 4. Standing Committees. Standing Committees shall be the Finance Committee, Building and Grounds Committee and Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. Other special committees may be appointed by the Chairman as needed.

Section 5. Executive Committee. An Executive Committee, composed of the officers of the Board of Trustees, shall be entrusted to govern in the name of the Board of Trustees between meetings of the Board.

Section 6. Any person appointed to the Marion County Library Board must be a resident of the county that he represents. If he moves his legal residence outside the county, he shall be replaced on the Board.

Section 7. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as appointments are made. If a vacancy occurs prior to the expiration of a trustee's term, the new appointee shall complete the unexpired term.

Section 8. Board members shall receive no compensation. They may be reimbursed for any reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of library business or if stipulated in terms of any bequest or gift.

Section 9. The Marion County Library Board shall appoint one of its members to represent it as a member of the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library Board. He shall be entrusted with representing and interpreting the interests of the Marion County Library Board to the Regional Board.

ARTICLE VI – Amendment of Constitution

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice is made in writing prior to the meeting, and provided that a quorum is present. All amendments to the Constitution will be filed with the Director of the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library and the Division of Public Library Services of the State Department of Education immediately upon adoption.