

ANDERSON PUBLIC LIBRARY PARTNERSHIPS AND RELATIONSHIPS POLICY

It is library policy to enter into partnerships* with private and public agencies when it benefits both the community and the library to do so. The library will evaluate any potential partnership to determine short and long term impacts before entering into it and will strive to evaluate the partnership annually.

Among the factors the library considers are:

Will long-term benefits outweigh short or long term disadvantages?

Will the partnership help the library carry out its mission and its goals?

Through this cooperative effort, will library service be improved or impaired?

Will this help the library reach and serve substantially more people?

Will the cost of providing library service decrease as a result of this partnership?

Are there conditions connected with the partnership that need to be analyzed, such as space commitments, storage requirements, or library donations of printing, postage, graphics, or staff help?

Should the relationship be formalized through a signed contract or memo of understanding?

*A partnership is defined as a long-term relationship (i.e., more than one year), which will involve a significant amount of library resources.