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Peter Spyers-Duran
Dean of Libraries
Wayne State University
Purdy/Kresge Library
5210 Gullen Mall
Detroit, MI 48202

Dear Peter:

Please find enclosed materials regarding the implementation of the Academic Library Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement.

At the most recent Southeastern Michigan League of Libraries Meeting, eleven SEMLOL libraries expressed interest in proceeding with a Reciprocal Borrowing Pilot Project.

Sally Ellison is a member of the SEMLOL Reciprocal Borrowing Task Force and is an incoming member of the SEMLOL Executive Board. Don Breneau is an outgoing member of the SEMLOL Executive Board. Because of their involvement, Wayne State University continues to exercise a prominent leadership role in SEMLOL discussions and initiatives.

Sally Ellison has clearly articulated Wayne's position in not joining the reciprocal borrowing pilot project. Nevertheless, many of the participants are hoping that you would reconsider your decision upon review of the documents. Each of the pilot project institutions is hoping to maximize the use of computer technology to bring better library services and information access to their academic clientele. Participating libraries feel that they have created a tightly written agreement that will allow for an equitable sharing of resources, without burdening an institution like yours.

I understand that you are familiar with the Southwestern Michigan Educational Library Project (SWELP). The trust and good will of participating SWELP libraries in successfully creating regional reciprocal borrowing is still a model for the rest of the State.

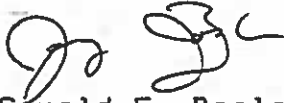
Your vision and strong leadership in creating the Detroit Area Library Network (DALNET) is well recognized. In expanding the INFOPASS privilege to DPL Branch Libraries, your community networking efforts are highly respected. Support of higher education and regional academic information access is also needed. As the leader of the DALNET consortium of libraries, one can only appeal to you for involvement.

Each of the participating libraries has come to the realization that it is in their best interest to facilitate the distribution of knowledge. Clearly there is a need to move forward toward a state-wide informational network. The reciprocal borrowing agreement is an initial step in that direction.

Despite economic realities over the last twenty years, WSU has maintained a strong tradition of involvement in cooperative library endeavors.

Whatever your decision, your leadership in this area and the involvement of your staff are greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. Bosler', written in a cursive style.

Gerald F. Bosler
Chair

SEMLOL Reciprocal Borrowing Task Force