

Questions for Contracting Out Library Services

1. What is the role of the Trustees? How will they be involved in the new scheme?
2. What is the role of the Friends of the Library and how will they be involved in the new system?
3. Who makes the decisions on what books are weeded from the shelves?
4. What happens to the special archives?
5. Who is responsible for the special editions, local author books, historical documents, art pieces, etc. ?
6. How many librarians with degrees (MLS) will staff the library during open hours?
7. What will the open hours be daily/weekly?
8. What special programs will be offered?
9. Will the Library Teen Docent Program continue? Who will be responsible for training and managing the program?
10. Will the library staff work with the Friends to support fund raising efforts, such as, the Art Fair and Wine Tasting events?
11. Will the local Archives be stored and maintained in the library?
12. What is the pay scale for staff?
13. Who pays for daily upkeep of the facility?
14. What happens at the end of the contract period?
15. What integrated library system is utilized? Will this system connect our library to local libraries and is it easy to us?
16. Do you have any MOUs with other service groups within the city?
17. Will staffing levels remain the same?
18. Does the ILS tie into the city website?

19. What is the relationship with volunteers? Who is responsible for coordinating the volunteers?

20. Bottom line: What changes will stand out from current situation?

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