

2025 Next Search Catalog Automation Service Participation Agreement Northeast Kansas Library System

The _____ Library hereby agrees to participate in Next Search Catalog (Next), the shared library automation service of the Northeast Kansas Library System, from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. The library affirms that this participation agreement has been reviewed and approved by a vote of the library board or other governing board. Following is information about Next, and the conditions and commitments of participation.

Next Search Catalog (formerly called NExpress) began service in 2004 with 9 participating libraries and a goal of providing convenient, rapid, and direct access to the shared collections of participating libraries. Next is not a local library automation system but an open regional resource sharing system. Through Next Search Catalog, library users can easily and rapidly obtain library materials that may not be available in their local library collections. Next has also led to the creation of the interlibrary courier service which has evolved into the Kansas Library Express service.

In the past 19 years Next has grown to include 44 library participants with 50 service locations. Next now provides a shared collection of approximately 1 million items, and an annual circulation of 1,108,116, including over 170,000 loans of materials between libraries during 2023.

Next Search Catalog Costs and Fees: The Northeast Kansas Library System is committed to and substantially subsidizes the ongoing cost of Next.

The 2025 Next budget is \$461,409 which includes: Koha costs, Hoopla, Flipster, and NoveList. The largest items in this budget are the fees paid to our hosting and support vendor, ByWater Solutions, and the personnel costs for Next technical support staff. Participating libraries in 2025 will pay an estimated \$81,650 in Next fees.

The 2025 projected courier service fees to Next libraries will cost \$166,385. Participating libraries will pay \$46,970 towards these courier service fees and NEKLS will subsidize these fees with \$79,915. In addition, NEKLS estimates volume fee charges (paid 100% by NEKLS) to be \$39,500.

	Participating Libraries	NEKLS
Next Search Catalog	* \$81,650	\$379,759
Courier Service to Next Libraries	\$46,970	** \$119,415
totals	\$128,620	\$499,174

* Estimate based on 2022 State Statistical Report

** NEKLS courier rate subsidy + estimated volume fee charges

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Next participation fees are determined by the Executive Board of the Northeast Kansas Library System. The fee formula is subject to change, but has not increased since 2008. Annual fees for **2025** will be based on library funding according to the following formula:

Public and Academic Libraries:

<u>Library Funding*</u>	<u>Next Search Catalog Fee</u>
Less than \$50,000	\$450
\$50,000 - \$99,999	\$675
\$100,000 - \$249,999	\$1,500
\$250,000 - \$499,999	\$3,300
\$500,000 or more	\$5,000

* A **public library's** fee calculation is based on the library's total income or total operating expenditures in the latest year's State statistical report, whichever amount is less. An **academic library's** fee calculation is based on the academic institution's total expenses for library services as reported in that institution's most recent year's IPEDS survey. Unusual variations in funding may be excluded from the calculation of fees at the discretion of the NEKLS Director.

School Libraries:

<u>ADM*</u>	<u>Next Search Catalog Fee</u>
Less than 450	\$450 per library
Over 450	\$1.00 per ADM per library

* A school library's fee calculation is based on the lowest Average Daily Membership (ADM) as reported to the Kansas State Department of Education in the previous 5 years of available data. Unusual variations in funding may be excluded from the calculation of fees at the discretion of the NEKLS Director.

Search Catalog policies and commitments. The library agrees to follow Next policies and conditions, including the following:

1. Next libraries agree to freely share library materials with the users of other Next libraries with a minimum of lending restrictions, and to operate within overall Next policies (the policy manual is available online at: <https://staff.nextkansas.org/cgi-bin/koha/catalogue/detail.pl?biblionumber=801505>).
2. Next libraries will only be able to place restrictions on items of which they purchase multiple copies. Such holds restrictions for local use may be placed on a maximum of 50% of the copies of the restricted item. For example, if a library purchases 4 copies of a book or movie it can reserve two copies for local use only. Restriction may remain in effect for a maximum of 60 days for print and audio books, and 30 days for movies and TV series. The item type

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will automatically be changed to an unrestricted item type after that period.

3. The order in which libraries receive requests from other libraries is randomized. This approach may be revised as needed.
4. Next public libraries will meet the NEKLS library accreditation standard for materials expenditures.
5. Next libraries will purchase items that are most in demand in their community, including multiple copies and print and non-print materials as needed.
6. Next libraries will review its collection development practices with NEKLS staff at least annually to help develop the best possible collection to meet local needs.
7. The director of each Next library is responsible for ensuring that all staff and volunteers at their library follow all Next policies including, but not limited to, the policies described in the Next Patron Privacy and Confidentiality Statement.
8. Next libraries wishing to withdraw from Next will follow the policies for withdrawal stated in the Next Search Catalog Policy Manual (available online at: <https://staff.nextkansas.org/cgi-bin/koha/catalogue/detail.pl?biblionumber=801505>)
9. NEKLS as Next administrator will determine required policies and procedures (but will defer to local policies on issues that do not require consistent system-wide policies).

Library Director

Date

Library Board President, School Superintendent or other
Administrative Official

Date

Director, Northeast Kansas Library System

Date