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Three area libraries to share resources

If you'd like to borrow a book from the Lenoir-Rhyne University library, you're in luck.

An agreement signed Oct. 4 allows borrowing privileges to registered users of both Hickory Public and Catawba County library systems.

The collaboration is designed to encourage use of all three libraries, and to make the academic collections of Lenoir-Rhyne more available to local residents. Likewise, Lenoir-Rhyne students who live off campus are able to use facilities of both the Hickory Public and Catawba County systems.

"The collaboration makes good sense," said Karen Foss, library director for Catawba County Library System. "We are pleased to have reached this agreement and make our resources more available to more people."

Others signing the agreement were Hickory Library Director Louise Humphrey and Rita Dursi Johnson, Director of Library Services for Lenoir-Rhyne.

The new partnership will allow local residents access to the extensive collection of materials that support the University's programs.

Lenoir-Rhyne University operates the Carl A. Rudisill Library on the main quadrangle of campus. Hickory Public Library System operates both the Patrick Beaver and Ridgeview libraries. Catawba County, headquartered in Newton, also operates facilities at Claremont, Conover, Maiden, St. Stephens, Sherrills Ford and Southwest (Mountain View).

To be eligible to check out books at Hickory or county libraries, L-R students who are non-residents must obtain a library card from each system by presenting a valid L-R ID at the circulation desk of the library and complete any necessary forms. The library will then issue the student a library card for that system.

To check out books at L-R, Hickory or county residents must visit the Carl A. Rudisill Library circulation desk. The patron must present a valid Hickory Public Library or Catawba County Library card, a valid driver's license or state ID card, and fill out any necessary forms to obtain a Community Patron library card. Community patrons may also be required to obtain an L-R ID card from Campus Security.

Both community patrons and student cardholders will be subject to all policies of the overall library system as well as each facility in that system.