



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting September 20, 2022

DATE: September 20, 2022
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Cloud Library Digital Resources Interlocal Agreement

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the participating Local Governments for Mutual Access to Cloud Library Digital Resources, provided by Bibliotheca LLC, to expand the Corpus Christi Public Libraries' (CCPL) digital media by sharing content with participating more than 50 Local Governments.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes an Interlocal Agreement that allows the City's Library Department to join the Texas cloudlink lending service provided by Bibliotheca LLC, through Cloud Library Digital Resources.

Currently there are over 50 public libraries participating in the Texas cloudlink lending service for a combined collection of over 250,000 eBooks\Audiobooks. The list of Texas public libraries included county libraries and city libraries. Some of the larger members include Laredo, El Paso, Bexar County, and Waco. The full list of Texas members is listed as an attachment.

Joining cloudlink would allow CCPL patrons to access those collections as well as allow patrons from the participating libraries to access our collection.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Texas cloudlink lending group is a unique service being offered by Bibliotheca LLC. It allows member libraries to share their Cloud Library Digital Resources with each other. Each participating

Library allows cardholders of the other libraries to access and check out its Cloud Library Digital Resources under the terms and conditions of the cardholder's Library.

Measures are in place to ensure that cardholders of the owning library have first choice to their library's collection. Pooling resources is a cost-efficient way to increase the digital resources provided to City library patrons.

In FY2022 CCPL purchased \$10,000 in eContent for a collection of 1,514 titles. An amount of \$25,000 has already been allotted in the FY2023 Operating Budget for the purchase of Cloud Library Digital Resources, plus the annual subscription (platform fee) of \$2,000.

Once joined into the interlocal agreement, CCPL will gain access to the cloudlink services and be required to pay a \$1,000 annual membership fee, which will also be budgeted in the operating budget.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

None

ALTERNATIVE:

The alternative would be not to join the Texas cloudlink lending service group. Not becoming members will limit the number of titles available to our patrons to only what can be purchased each year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the action of entering the interlocal agreement. Future fees associated with participating in the cloudlink library, and Cloud Library Digital Services will be budgeted through the annual budgeting process.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: N/A
Organization/Activity: N/A
Mission Element:
Project # **(CIP Only)**:
Account: N/A
Amount: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends joining the Texas cloudlink lending service group.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Interlocal Agreement
Ordinance
Bibliotheca CloudLink Member List