

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
MIDLANDS CONFERENCE OF LIBRARIANS
SERVING THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED**

ARTICLE I -- NAME

The name of this nonprofit corporation shall be the Midlands Conference of Librarians Serving the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

ARTICLE II -- PUBLIC BENEFIT

This nonprofit corporation is a public benefit corporation, pursuant to Chapter 355.881 RSMo.

ARTICLE III -- DURATION

The period of duration of this nonprofit corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV -- REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS

The address of this nonprofit corporation's Registered Agent and Registered Office in Missouri is: Elizabeth Eckles, Wolfner Library, 600 West Main, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

ARTICLE V -- INCORPORATORS

The four incorporators of this nonprofit corporation are natural persons of the age of eighteen years or more and are citizens of the United States.

The names and addresses of the four incorporators are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
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ARTICLE VI -- MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this nonprofit corporation shall be all librarians on the staff of regional and subregional libraries and directors of machine lending agencies in the Midlands Conference region. Other interested librarians and staff are also encouraged to become members of the conference.

The affairs of this nonprofit corporation shall be controlled and managed by an Executive Committee, comprised of the four officers of the organization, including: the chairperson, vice-chairperson, treasurer, and secretary.

ARTICLE VII--DISSOLUTION*

Upon the dissolution of this nonprofit corporation, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provisions for all of the liabilities of this corporation, dispose of all the remaining assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or literary purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Executive Committee shall determine.

Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VIII -- PURPOSE

The purpose of this nonprofit corporation shall be to promote high quality library service for the blind and physically handicapped; to exchange ideas and materials; to discuss and solve common problems; to study and make recommendations to the National Library Service/Library of Congress; to work with the other three

regional conferences, the National Library Service, and other agencies and organizations to improve library services to persons with disabilities. This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.*

ARTICLE IX -- INUREMENT OF INCOME*

No part of the net earnings of this nonprofit corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, officers, or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

ARTICLE X -- LEGISLATIVE OR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES*

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE XI -- OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS*

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this nonprofit corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Please note: Any section, or statement with an asterisk (*) is needed to satisfy the requirements for tax exempt status. If the Midlands Conference does not wish to attain tax exempt status, then all or parts of these sections are not necessary for nonprofit corporation status in Missouri.

