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Berks County Public Libraries and Wyomissing Public Library Establish Resource Sharing Partnership

For immediate release– On Monday, January 6, the Berks County Public Libraries (BCPL) and Wyomissing Public Library launched a resource-sharing partnership to increase access and availability of library materials to cardholders across both organizations. The new borrowing program allows BCPL and Wyomissing patrons to browse the online catalog and request traditional library materials from both groups, expanding the resource pool beyond each separate collection.

“We’re excited to begin this new venture with Wyomissing Public Library and increase the borrowing power of Berks County cardholders,” said Stephanie Williams, system administrator of the Berks County Public Libraries System. “Altogether patrons from both library groups can browse a combined catalog of nearly 1 million items.”

The online catalog will default to the patron’s home library location, but cardholders can change their selection in the *Location* dropdown to the “Berks-Wyomissing” library group and browse materials from both collections.

The partnership expands borrowing access to **most** traditional library materials such as books, DVDs, music CDs, and audiobooks on CD. Online databases, specialty materials including Library of Things, museum passes, hotspots/equipment/technology, and electronic books are not available to borrow or access. Current access to Libby materials will not be affected.

Library patrons can learn more about the partnership by visiting berkslibraries.org/resource-sharing.

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If you would like more information about this topic, please visit berkslibraries.org/resource-sharing or contact Stephanie Williams at stephanie.williams@berkslibraries.org.

About the Berks County Library System: The Berks County Public Library (BCPL) System is a department of the County of Berks, serving 428,827 county residents across 866 square miles and 72 municipalities since 1986. Through the support of the Berks County commissioners, BCPL staff aids in strengthening the Berks County community by providing centralized support for the 19 full-service member libraries and four branches. For more information, please visit www.berkslibraries.org.