RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY EMPLOYEES, AFT, FPE, LOCAL #4831 FROM JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen

RESOLVED *by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua* that the cost items of the attached collective bargaining agreement between the Nashua Public Library Board of Trustees and the Nashua Public Library Employees, AFT, FPE, Local #4831 are approved. The collective bargaining agreement covers the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

City of Nashua
Library Contract Analysis

Updated 6/2/2015

Line No.	Description	Base FY15	FY16	FY17
1	Number of Employees in Analysis	38	38	38
2	Base Salary Increases		2.25%	2.25%
3				
4	**Base Pay Calculations**			
5	Base Pay Calculations	$ 1,454,030	$ 1,486,746	$ 1,520,198
6				
7				
8	**Total Base Pay**	$ 1,454,030	$ 1,486,746	$ 1,520,198
9	**$ Change over Prior Year**		$ 32,716	$ 33,452
10	**Real Annual % Increase over Prior Year**		2.3%	2.2%
11				
12	**Other Salary Costs**			
13	Overtime	$ 46,550	$ 47,597	$ 48,668
14	Educational Benefits	2,500	2,500	2,500
15	**Total Other Salary Costs**	$ 49,050	$ 50,097	$ 51,168
16	**$ Change over Prior Year**		$ 1,047	$ 1,071
17	**Real Annual Increase over Prior Year**		2.1%	2.1%
18				
19	**Total Base Pay and Other Salary Costs**	$ 1,503,080	$ 1,536,843	$ 1,571,366
20	**$ Change over Prior Year**		$ 33,763	$ 34,523
21	**% Change over Prior Year**		2.2%	2.2%
22				
23				
24	**Retirement Costs**			
25	Pension	$ 161,612	$ 171,386	$ 175,242
26	FICA and Medicare	114,986	117,569	120,210
27	**Total Retirement Costs**	$ 276,598	$ 288,955	$ 295,452
28	**$ Change over Prior Year**		$ 12,357	$ 6,497
29	**% Change over Prior Year**		4.5%	2.2%
30				
31	**Insurance Benefits Costs**			
32	Medical Insurance Costs (Assumes 0% Increase in FY16; 3% in FY17)	$ 422,380	$ 422,380	$ 435,051
33	Less: Employee Contributions to Medical Insurance Costs	(92,620)	(92,620)	(92,620)
34	Subtotal - Medical Insurance Costs	$ 329,760	$ 329,760	$ 342,431
35	Dental insurance Costs (Assumes 3% Increase in FY16 & FY17)	29,304	30,183	31,088
36	Life Insurance Costs	3,170	3,241	3,314
37	**Total Insurance Benefits**	$ 362,233	$ 363,184	$ 376,834
38	**$ Change over Prior Year**		$ 950	$ 13,650
39	**% Change over Prior Year**		0.3%	3.8%
40				
41	**Total Costs**	$ 2,141,912	$ 2,188,982	$ 2,243,652
42	**$ Change over Prior Year**		$ 47,070	$ 54,670
43	**% Change over Prior Year**		2.2%	2.5%
44				
45	**Average Annual Total Compensation Package**	$ 56,366	$ 57,605	$ 59,043
46	**Average Annual Increase per Employee**		$ 1,239	$ 1,439
47	**Average Percentage Increase per Employee**		2.2%	2.5%

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AND

NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY EMPLOYEES, AFT, FPE, LOCAL #4831

July 1, 20~~13~~15 – June 30, 20~~15~~17

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Article 1
Agreement

AGREEMENT, made and entered into as of the ____ day of _____, 20~~13~~15, by and between Nashua Public Library Board of Trustees (hereinafter called the "Board") and the Nashua Public Library Employees, AFT, FPE, LOCAL #4831 (hereinafter called the "Union").

Article 2
Recognition

The Board hereby recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive representative of the library employees as certified by the PELRB of New Hampshire for all lawful purposes pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 273-A, and agrees to comply therewith in its dealings with the Union.

Should there be a dispute between an employee and the Union over the matter of an employee's Union membership, the Union agrees to hold the Board harmless in any such dispute.

Article 3
Discrimination

It is agreed that the Board will not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, lawful political or employee's organization affiliation, age, marital status, sexual preference or non-disqualifying disability, or on any basis prohibited by law.

Article 4
Union Dues

An employee, who is a member of the Union, may execute a written authorization mutually acceptable to the Board and the Union providing that a portion of his/her salary representing monthly dues be withheld weekly and forwarded to the Union. Upon receiving a properly executed Authorization and Assignment Form from an employee, the Union shall notify the Human Resources/Payroll Department to deduct from salary due, the amount authorized, and a copy of said form acceptable to the Human Resources Department shall be furnished thereto in advance of said deduction. A copy of said form is attached as **Appendix A**.

Each month, a check for the amount of all dues deducted, along with a current list of members from whose salary dues deductions have been made, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Union.

An employee who executes such authorization form shall continue to have such deductions made from his/her salary during the term of this agreement or until the Human Resource/Payroll Department, with a copy to the Union, are notified that the payroll deduction authorization is being revoked, and the employee thus withdraws the authority for the deduction of dues. Dues deductions shall be made without cost to the employee or the Union. An employee may be permitted to withdraw membership only during the fifteen (15) day period from his/her anniversary date.

Dues deductions shall be subordinate to deductions required by law and other deductions. No deductions shall be made if an employee has insufficient salary in any pay period. The Board shall not be responsible for deducting any arrearage in dues owed to the Union by a member, or any special or other assessment by the Union, with the exception of the deduction of initiations fees if expressly authorized on the form noted above.

Deductions shall automatically terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

1. Termination of employment;
2. Transfer out of the bargaining unit;
3. Lay-off;
4. Revocation by the employee of Dues Authorization during the aforementioned window period.

The Union shall indemnify and save harmless the Board and the City of Nashua in and on account of any and all claims, suits or damages arising out of, or in relation to, such dues deductions.

Article 5
Agency Fee

An employee who elects not to pay Union dues shall pay an agency fee for services rendered by the Union in an amount certified by the Union. Said authorization form for fees shall be due within thirty days from the date of employment. The City agrees to collect agency fees in the same method and manner as the collection of Union dues.

Article 6
Employee Rights

It is agreed that the Board will not:

A. Dominate or interfere in the formation and administration of the Union;

B. Discriminate in the hire, tenure, or the terms and conditions of employment of employees or potential employees for the purpose of encouraging or discouraging membership in the Union;

C. Discharge, suspend, discipline, or otherwise discriminate against any employee because the employee has filed a complaint, affidavit, or petition, or given information or testimony on a grievance, as set forth in RSA 273-A;

D. Restrain, coerce, or otherwise interfere with the Union in the exercise of rights granted by statute.

It is the intention of the parties that this article provides that the Union shall enjoy all the rights secured by RSA 273-A.

Article 7
Management Rights

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this agreement, the Board shall have, whether exercised or not, all the rights, powers, and authority vested in it by virtue of the Statutes of the State of New Hampshire and the Nashua City Charter and Ordinances, now or hereinafter enacted including, but not limited to, the rights to:

A. Control the management and administration of the Nashua Library System;

B. Hire, promote, transfer, assign, retain, layoff, and direct employees within the Nashua Library System;

C. Suspend, demote, discharge and take other disciplinary actions against employees for just cause;

D. Issue, modify, and enforce Rules and Regulations which do not expressly violate the terms of this Agreement.

E. Determine the methods, means, and personnel by which the Nashua Library System's operations are to be conducted, as well as to determine those operations and to assign duties, hours, and responsibilities to its employees accordingly;

F. Exercise control and discretion over the Library System, its organization, and the technology or lack thereof employed in performing its work;

G. Determine the standards of selection for employment and the standards of service to be offered by the Nashua Library System;

H. Assign bargaining unit employees to work in any job classification as needed, in the judgment of the appropriate supervisor or manager;

I. Exercise managerial policy, as set forth in RSA 273-A;

J. Schedule the hours and days of work whether for emergency purposes or not.

The foregoing Management rights are set out for purposes of illustration and not limitation; the Board shall retain all such rights, powers, and authority, whether exercised or not, conferred upon it by law. This clause is not meant to negate the Union's right to negotiate over changes in wages, hours and working conditions as provided by law. Nothing herein shall be deemed to abrogate the authority of the Board conferred upon it by RSA 202-A, as amended from time to time.

Article 8
Strikes and Work Stoppages

The Union shall not instigate, sponsor, or encourage any activity or action in contravention of the provisions or intent of this Agreement.

No employee shall, alone or in concert, engage in, initiate, sponsor, support or direct a strike, work stoppage, or refuse in the course of employment to perform assigned duties; or withhold, curtail or restrict services or otherwise interfere with the operations of the Nashua Library System, or encourage others to do so; or engage or participate in any other form of illegal job action.

Article 9
Work Week and Work Schedule

A. The work week shall consist of seven consecutive 24 hour periods beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday.

B. The normal work schedule for full time employees shall consist of forty (40) hours.

C. Any change in regular work schedule hours shall be the subject of discussions between the Union and the Board of Trustees before being implemented. This subsection shall not be construed to reduce or impair management's authority pursuant to the article entitled "Management Rights," supra.

D. 1. Full-time: Full-time staff members are those who work forty (40) hours during a work week schedule arranged by each department.

(1a) **Full-time Support Staff**: The work week is Monday through Friday or as arranged by each department.

(1b) **Full-time Public Service Staff**: The work week is Monday through Saturday. Public Service staff is required to work no more than two nights per week and alternate Saturdays based on departmental needs.

2. Regular Part-time Staff: The work week shall ordinarily consist of no more than 30 hours a week.

As long as Sunday hours are maintained from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., compensation shall be handled as follows:

Employees scheduled for Sunday hours shall be paid time and one half (1½) for all hours worked or may, at the employee's option, schedule time off during that pay period subject to the needs of the business at the rate of two (2) times the number of hours worked on Sunday, or earn compensatory time of one and one-half (1½) the number of hours worked on Sunday to be used during a later pay period.

Management reserves the right to determine staffing levels for these Sunday hours. Except in the event of special programs or events, minimum Sunday bargaining unit staffing levels will be as follows:

Circulation: 3
Reference: 2
Children's: 2
Music/Art/Media (to become Chandler Wing): 2
Janitorial/maintenance: 1

Additional staffing may be approved for Sundays on which special events or programs will be held.

Pages may also be scheduled on Sundays to perform the duties assigned to their position.

During the first week of every month, department heads will schedule Sunday hours for the following month, according to the following procedure:

1. The Sunday hours will be offered to all qualified bargaining unit employees within the department, on the rotating basis of seniority. The most senior employee will choose one Sunday or pass. Then the next most senior employee will choose one Sunday or pass, etc. The rotation will be repeated until either all Sunday hours are filled or no employee wants any more Sunday hours. In the case of remaining unfilled hours, Step (2) shall then be followed.

2. Unfilled Sunday hours will be offered to all qualified bargaining unit employees outside the department. Department heads will provide a sign up sheet in the employee staff room for at least five (5) business days (the second week of the month). Rules of rotating seniority apply as in Step One (1). In the case of remaining unfilled hours, Step Three (3) may then be followed.

~~3. Unfilled Sunday hours will be offered to all pages within the department. In case of remaining unfilled hours, Step Four (4) may then be followed.~~

~~4.~~3. Unfilled Sunday hours will be assigned to bargaining unit employees within the department on the basis of reverse seniority. The least senior employee must choose one Sunday. The next least senior employee must choose at least one Sunday, etc. The reverse rotation will be repeated until all Sunday hours are filled.

~~If the Board considers staffing the Sunday shift on a permanent basis they shall meet and consult with the Union one month prior to such change to discuss the change. If after discussing the change with the Union, the Board decides to implement the change, it will do so in accordance with the requirements of pertinent law.~~

Mealtime: Employees are allowed up to one (1) unpaid hour for meals.

Break Time:

A paid fifteen minute break is given for each four hours of work. Breaks cannot be accumulated and may not ordinarily be used to shorten the work day or added to the meal period.

Call-Back Rights:

Any employee called back to work on an unscheduled basis after having completed his/her assigned work schedule for the day and having left his/her place of employment and before his/her next regularly scheduled starting time, shall be granted time and one-half in money or compensatory time, at the discretion of the employee, for all the hours worked on call-back. The employee shall be guaranteed a minimum of two (2) hours for being called back to the library. This provision does not apply to split shifts.

Any employee required to perform work responsibilities when the library is closed or outside of the employee's normal work schedule, and the required work can be performed without the employee physically reporting to the library, that employee shall be compensated at a minimum of one (1) hour at the employee's overtime rate of pay.

Article 10
Overtime

Overtime must be approved by the Library Director or designee before overtime work is performed. Any hours worked over 40 in one work week will be paid at time and one-half in money or time and one-half in compensatory time, at the discretion of the employee. Part-time employees will be paid straight time up to 40 hours and time and one-half for any additional hours in either money or compensatory time at the discretion of the employee.

Compensatory time for hourly employees will be subject to the requirements of State and Federal law, however, where the Collective Bargaining Agreement provides for a greater benefit the Agreement shall control. Use of compensatory time for salaried and hourly employees will be granted upon the employee's request, subject to the approval of the Library Director or designee. No such request will be unreasonably denied. Upon separation from service unused compensatory time will be paid to the employee. In the event of the death of an employee, his/her unused compensatory time will be paid to the spouse or estate of the employee.

Article 11
Seniority

Seniority is defined as length of service within the bargaining unit. Seniority shall be determined on a pro rata basis.

For example,

40 hour work week 1 year = 1 year

30 hour work week	1 year = 9 months
25 hour work week	1 year = 7.5 months

Service ceased due to resignation, retirement or termination shall cause all accrued seniority to be lost. Employees who are laid off and subsequently rehired under the recall provision shall upon his/her return, be entitled to all previously accrued seniority.

Seniority shall not accrue while an employee is on unpaid leave. Unpaid leave does not include Workers' Compensation leave, during which seniority will accrue. Seniority will cease to accrue on the beginning of the first full month after leave is granted.

The Board shall furnish the Union secretary/treasurer with an up-to-date Seniority List on a quarterly basis, if requested. The Board will also furnish the names of all new hires, promotions, layoffs and terminations on a monthly basis.

Until a new hire has served the probationary period, the employee has no seniority status and may be discharged or laid off without cause. Upon successful completion of the probationary period, seniority will accrue retroactively to the date of hire.

The employee shall accumulate seniority while on an authorized leave of absence with the exception of unpaid leave as outlined above. Seniority is employed for purposes of assigning leave, overtime, layoff and recall as provided in articles pertinent to those subjects.

Article 12
Grievance Procedure

In the event that differences arise with respect to any provision of this Agreement, an earnest effort shall be made to settle such differences promptly. The process will be carried out in the following order and manner. Any resolution of a grievance, at any step in the process, shall not be inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement. Any grievance involving the interpretation or application of a specific provision of this Agreement shall be ultimately settled by arbitration.

Step I — An employee shall present a verbal grievance with or without the assistance of the Union to his/her immediate supervisor. The employee may meet with the supervisor for a maximum of one hour. If the grievance is not settled at the meeting, the grievance may proceed to the next step. The employee will be paid at his/her regular rate of pay for time spent in the meeting, if during work hours. The Union shall be notified of the resolution of the grievance in writing within five [5] working days. Working days for the purposes of this article are Monday through Friday and do not include Saturdays or Sundays.

Step II — If the employee is not satisfied with the results of Step 1, the grievance shall be set in writing as provided in **Appendix B**.

The grievance must be signed by the employee and Union Representative, and presented to the Library Director or designee within fifteen [15] working days after the employee knew or should have known of the occurrence or the circumstances giving rise to the grievance.

The Library Director or designee will be given five [5] working days after the receipt of the grievance to have a meeting with a Union representative, with or without the aggrieved party, and to communicate a decision in writing to the Union. If the grievance is not settled to the satisfaction of the employee and the Union, or if no reply is communicated after five [5] working days, the grievance may proceed to Step III.

Step III The Union shall inform the Board of the grievance, in writing and within ten [10] working days of the notification of the Library Director's decision or lack thereof. The Union shall provide the Board with copies of all prior communications. The Board will, at its next regular meeting, or thirty (30) days, whichever comes sooner, meet with a Union Representative designated by the Union, with or without the aggrieved party. The Board will then communicate a written decision to the Union within ten [10] working days thereafter. If the grievance is not settled to the satisfaction of the Union, or if no reply has been communicated after the ten [10] working days, the grievance may proceed to Step IV.

Step IV Within thirty (30) working days after the Board decision, or expiration of the decision period, the Union will have the option of submitting any remaining disagreement over the interpretation or application of a specific provision of this agreement to be settled by arbitration. The Union shall inform the Board in writing of the decision to arbitrate.

The choice of Arbitrator shall be by agreement of the two parties. However, if no such agreement has been reached within ten (10) working days of the filing of the decision to arbitrate, the grievance may be referred to the N.H. PELRB for the selection of the arbitrator. All decisions of the arbitrator shall be binding. The arbitrator shall have no authority to award a monetary remedy hereunder other than for lost compensation which would have been otherwise received pursuant to the terms of this agreement.

Time Limitations:

The times for taking action stated above may be extended by mutual consent in writing, but all the steps of this procedure shall be handled as expeditiously as possible with a view to promoting and maintaining harmony. A request of either party for an extension of time shall not be unreasonably denied.

Failure at any step of this procedure by the Library Director, his/her designee, the Union or the Board to communicate a decision in writing on a grievance within the time specified shall permit an appeal of the grievance to the next step. Failure at any step of this procedure to appeal a grievance to

the next step within the specified time limits shall be deemed to be acceptance of the decision rendered at the step, even if no decision has been rendered, and shall constitute a waiver of the right to further appeal the grievance.

Union Representation:

The Board will allow the aggrieved party reasonable time to meet with Union representatives for the purpose of discussing the grievance.

Fees:

The fees and expenses charged by the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the Board and the Union.

Grievances by the Board:

The Board shall have the right to present grievances. In the event it does so, it shall notify the Union of the grievance in writing and the time periods for response by the Union shall be the same as set forth in Step III and IV above.

Article 13
Job Posting/Lay-Offs/Recall

Posting Policy:

A notice of position vacancy shall be communicated to all library employees and shall be posted and/or advertised externally. The notice of position vacancy shall be posted on the Main Library Staff Room bulletin board for ten (10) working days to allow qualified eligible employees to apply.

The notices will include information on job title, grade, salary/hourly, department, brief description of the usual job content, and position qualifications.

All internal applications will be reviewed and all qualified internal candidates will be interviewed. No external applicant will be considered until all qualified internal candidates are interviewed. All internal applicants not selected for promotional positions shall be notified of the decision in writing prior to the hiring of external applicants.

Selection of qualified candidate:

The Board, upon the recommendation of the Library Director, shall make the final decision when filling the position. The best qualified candidate in the opinion of the Board shall be selected. The guidelines for filling any open position are based upon the applicant's ability, qualifications, experience and work performance. When qualifications between applicants are relatively equal, seniority will be used to award the position.

Promotional Procedures:

A promotional employee shall have a performance evaluation completed at least once during the probationary period. Should the employee's performance be unsatisfactory, or should the employee find the job unsatisfactory anytime during the promotional probationary period, the employee shall be entitled to return to the position from which promoted within ninety (90) days of the promotion, unless this period is extended for an additional thirty (30) days by the Library Director.

Probationary Period:

The probationary period for all new hires will be at least ninety (90) calendar days and may be extended by management in order to provide the employee additional time to be successful. In no case will the probationary period be more than 180 days. For promotional employees, the probationary period is ninety (90) calendar days, unless extended for an additional thirty (30) days as set forth above.

Rate of Pay:

Persons appointed to positions for the first time shall be paid an amount within the established range for the position except that no new employee shall be paid more than a current employee in that position with the same years of relevant experience and relevant education. Relevant education and relevant prior job experience will be considered when determining where a newly appointed person will be placed in the established pay range for a position. Whenever the Director recommends and the Board approves payment of a new hire at a rate higher than a current employee in that grade, the Board shall provide to the Union, in writing, the relevant experience and/or relevant education of the new employee.

Lay-Off Provision:

The Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to institute a reduction in force as it deems necessary to conduct its operations.

If the Board is contemplating a reduction in force or elimination of a position, the Board will notify any employee to be laid off four (4) weeks before the proposed effective date of layoff. Such notice will be in writing and will include the proposed time schedule and the reason for the proposed reduction in force. Such written notice shall be provided to the Union president at the same time.

When making layoff decisions, qualification factors such as education and experience, job performance and absenteeism will be considered. If management finds all factors to be reasonably equal for the employees subject to layoff, then reverse seniority shall be utilized in making the layoff decision.

Bumping Rights:

A full time employee shall be eligible to "bump" the least senior full-time employee in a position in the grade for which they are qualified. A part-time employee shall be eligible to "bump" the least

senior part-time employee in a position and the grade for which they are qualified. If this is not possible, the employee shall be eligible to bump the least senior employee in the grade below in a position for which he/she is qualified, if any. An employee may bump the least senior person in any lower paid grade for a position for which he/she is qualified. An employee who is displaced as a result of an employee asserting bumping rights, shall be entitled to the same bumping procedures outlined above. For an employee to be considered "qualified", he/she shall meet the minimum qualifications contained in the job description for the position. Employees bumping into a position must be willing to work the hours required for the position.

Recall Provision:

Laid off employees shall be eligible for recall for a period of two (2) years from the date of layoff. A laid off employee shall be given any position which he/she may be qualified during said period. Recall will be by seniority providing the recalled employee is qualified for the open position. The Board shall send notices of position vacancies to all employees eligible for recall to their last known address. If an employee refuses a position twice within the two (2) year period, he/she shall be removed from the recall list. An employee who fails to exercise his/her bumping rights or refuses recall shall still be considered laid-off and is entitled to collect all unused vacation and compensatory time as well as sick leave provided for in Article 14.

Article 14
Paid Leaves

Paid leave time shall be deducted at a minimum of fifteen (15) minute increments for both salaried and hourly employees. This shall in no way affect the employment status of salaried employees who shall remain salaried. The number of hours of paid leave time to which full-time and part-time employees are entitled are set forth below. The number of hours of personal, sick, and bereavement leave time to which regular part-time employees are entitled shall be determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Regular scheduled weekly hours}}{\text{40 hours}} \times \text{number of hours to which a full-time employee is entitled}$$

Personal Leave:

Full-time employees shall be granted a maximum of ~~three~~ four (~~3~~4) days of personal leave with full pay per year. Regular part-time employees shall be granted a maximum number of hours of personal leave as determined by the above formula.

~~Personal leave is~~ Three (3) days of personal leave shall be drawn from employees sick time account.

Personal leave shall not carry forward from year to year.

Upon retirement or death, but not termination or resignation, the employee or the employee's estate shall receive payment in full for any unused personal leave.

Sick Leave:

Every full-time employee is entitled to sick leave with full pay earned at the rate of eleven (11) hours per month.

Every regular part-time employee is entitled to sick leave with pay as determined by the above formula.

There is no maximum accrual of sick leave effective July 1, 2001.

Sick Leave shall be used only for illness, injury, medical or dental appointments, or accident of employee, employee's domestic partner, parent or children.

Management may require a doctor's statement on employee's condition after three (3) days of absence, if desired.

Employees terminating employment because of illness may remain on full salary for the period of accrued sick leave. However said employees may opt to take a lump sum payment of one-half (1/2) their accrued sick leave calculated at the rate of pay in effect on their last day of employment.

Upon retirement or death, but not termination or resignation, the employees or the employee's estate shall receive payment for the balance of sick leave accrued in his/her account in a lump sum calculated at the rate of pay in effect on the day of retirement, as follows:

Employees hired after July 1st, 2001 shall be entitled to payment for twenty-percent (20%) of all unused sick leave.

Employees hired on or before July 1st, 2001 shall be entitled to payment for one hundred percent (100%) of unused sick leave up to the amount accrued as of June 30, 2001, but not to exceed sixty (60) days, plus twenty-percent (20%) of all sick leave accrued thereafter.

Sick leave may be transferred from city departments to the library when changing jobs, up to the amount of the maximum accrual set forth above.

In the event of a lay-off, employees with five (5) or more years of continuous employment with the Library shall receive payment for the balance of sick leave accrued in his/her account in a lump sum calculated at the rate of pay in effect on the last day of employment, as follows:

Employees hired after July 1st, 2001 shall be entitled to payment for twenty-percent (20%) of all unused sick leave.

Employees hired on or before July 1st, 2001 shall be entitled to payment for one hundred percent (100%) of unused sick leave up to the amount accrued as of June 30, 2001, but not to exceed sixty (60) days, plus twenty-percent (20%) of all sick leave accrued thereafter.

An employee who has been laid-off and has refused work or declined to bump another employee shall be entitled to the aforementioned sick leave payment.

Bereavement Leave:

Full-time employees shall be entitled to up to twenty-four (24) hours of paid bereavement leave per occurrence.

Regular part-time employees shall be entitled to paid bereavement leave per occurrence as determined by the above formula.

Death in the employee's immediate family only is covered. The leave may extend from the time of notification of death to and including the day following burial, but not more than three (3) days. When unusual conditions exist, this period may be extended at the discretion of the Library Director or designee.

The immediate family includes the employee's domestic partner, spouse, children (including fetuses, miscarriages and still-births), parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandchildren, son or daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law and step children.

For full-time and regular part-time employees, an allowance for the day of the funeral may be made for any other blood or maritally related relative with the prior approval of the Library Director. When unusual circumstances exist, this period may be extended at the discretion of the Library Director or designee.

Holiday Leave:

All full-time and regular part-time employees covered under this agreement shall receive as holiday pay, straight time wages for his/her regularly scheduled hours (not to exceed 8 hours). In order to qualify for pay on an unworked holiday, an employee must be on payroll on both the last scheduled work day prior to the day the holiday is observed and the first scheduled work day subsequent to the day on which the holiday is observed. They shall not usually be required to work on the following holidays, plus any other holidays as the Board of Library Trustees shall determine from time to time.

New Year's Day
President's Day
Civil Rights Day
Memorial Day (Fed)
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
Two (2) Floating Holidays (to be used between July 1st and June 30th)

Floating holidays shall be awarded as follows during an employee's first contract year of hire:

Employees hired prior to October 1st shall receive two (2) floating holidays;
Employees hired from October 1st through December 31st shall receive one (1) floating holiday; and,
Employees hired January 1st through June 30th shall receive no floating holidays.

Employees shall receive two (2) floating holidays for each subsequent contract year.

When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the holiday will be observed on the preceding Friday. When a holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday will be observed on the following Monday.

Employees working on Christmas Eve Day shall not be required to work later than 5:30 p.m.

When a holiday falls on an employee's day off, the employee shall be paid at his/her straight time rate for his/her regularly scheduled daily hours (not to exceed eight (8) hours) or at the discretion of the Library Director, may be given another day off (regular schedule) during the same pay period.

If an employee works on one of the above-referenced holidays, the employee shall be compensated as follows:

The employee shall receive ~~one-and-one-half~~two times straight time pay for the hours worked.

Floating holidays are granted with seniority as a deciding factor when two or more employees request the same day off and there is a scheduling conflict.

Employees taking a floating holiday shall not be entitled to any pay or leave adjustment should the Trustees close the library for any part of that day.

Vacation Leave:

The Board encourages the reasonable use of vacation by employees in order to foster their health and well-being.

All employees shall be entitled to vacation according to the following schedules:

Full Time Employees:

After one year of service	80 hours (40 hours may be taken after 6 months if approved by the Library Director or designee)
After five years of service	120 hours
After ten years of service	160 hours

After twenty years of service	200 hours

Regular Part-Time Employees:

After one year of service	80 hours multiplied by the ratio the employee's regular weekly scheduled hours are to forty (40) hours.
After five years of service	120 hours multiplied by the above ratio.
After ten years of service	160 hours multiplied by the above ratio
After twenty years of service	200 hours multiplied by the above ratio

Vacation request forms must be requested using the city's time keeping software and approved by the Library Director in advance of his/her vacation to allow for proper scheduling of personnel. Forms must be signed by department supervisors and submitted to the Library Director.

Vacations that exceed three consecutive weeks at one time must have advance written approval of the Library Director.

Vacations are granted with seniority as the deciding factor when two or more employees request the same time period off and there is a scheduling conflict. Vacation requests shall be submitted no later than two (2) months prior to the first date of the planned vacation if the seniority provision is to apply.

When an employee leaves the Nashua Library service for any reason, he/she is entitled to receive payment for the balance of his/her vacation account accrued up to the date of termination. Vacation leave may be transferred from City departments to the Library when changing jobs up to the amount of the maximum accrual set forth above.

Maximum Accrual:

Unused vacation leave may be retained from year to year and vacation leave shall continue to accrue as provided herein up to a balance equal to two times the amount of vacation leave to which the employee is annually entitled. No vacation leave shall accrue beyond that limit, and any such time not accrued shall be forfeited.

Employees at or over the maximum accrual as of July 1st, 2001 shall not lose any accumulated vacation time and will be given the opportunity to use any accumulated vacation time over the maximum accrual. No employee will lose any accumulated vacation as the result of denial of a pending application for vacation.

<u>Conversion from days to hours</u>

If necessary, days shall be converted to hours based on the following formula.

Full-time employees	accrued paid leave days multiplied by eight (8)
Regular part-time employees	accrued paid leave days multiplied by eight (8) multiplied by the ratio of the employees regularly scheduled weekly hours to forty (40).

Sick and vacation leave of employees transferring to the Library from other city departments shall be done pursuant to the above formula.

Article 14A
Sick Leave Bank

A. A sick leave bank shall be maintained in accordance with this article for participating members who have exhausted their individual accrued sick leave as a result of a serious extended illness or incapacitating accident.

B. Contributions must be made within fifteen (15) calendar days from ~~July 1, 1998 and each subsequent~~ July 1 until the bank reaches nine hundred and sixty (960) hours. In order to join, contributions of one regularly scheduled day may be made by new hires within 90 days of their date of hire. Employees who have not previously contributed may do so during an annual open enrollment period to be determined by the Union. Contributions may also be made when a call for replenishment is made up to a maximum of ten (10) days per employee or call. Any employee retiring, resigning or terminating cannot contribute their balance of sick leave time. All contributions shall be voluntary.

C. A call for replenishment shall be made at any point in time when the balance of days in the bank falls below nine hundred and sixty (960) hours.

D. The operation of the bank and withdrawals from it shall be governed by a committee of two (2) members selected by the union and two (2) members selected by the Library Director. The rules and operating procedures to administer the bank are contained in **Appendix C**. Any changes to the operational rules shall be approved by the Board and the Union. In considering requests for withdrawal from the bank, the committee may require substantiating medical documents, and in all cases, the decision(s) rendered by the committee shall be final and binding. A decision to grant benefits under this article must be unanimous. No decision of the committee shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

E. A participating member may withdraw sick days from the bank only after 1) exhausting his/her accrued sick leave; and 2) receiving the approval of the committee. Withdrawals shall be retroactive to the first working day following the exhaustion of accrued sick leave.

Article 15
Unpaid Leave

A request for a leave of absence without pay must be submitted in writing to the Library Director. Leaves up to one month may be granted by the Library Director; all leaves requested exceeding one month, accompanied by the recommendation of the Library Director, must be submitted for approval to the Board.

The Board, upon the recommendation of the Library Director, and in its sole discretion, may grant a maximum of one year leave of absence without pay for personal reasons to any employee.

During an unpaid leave of absence, the Board shall continue to pay its portion of health, dental and life insurance premiums for up to six (6) months. Employees who are on such leave shall continue to pay their portion of the premiums during that period, and thereafter shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the cost to continue coverage.

Payment of group insurance premiums during an unpaid leave of absence must be arranged in advance with the Human Resource and Insurance Department of the City of Nashua.

Article 16
Family and Medical Leave Act

The Board shall approve leave in accordance with the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993; however, any such leave shall be taken on a paid leave basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 14A of this Agreement first, with any remaining leave to be taken on an unpaid basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 15 of this Agreement. Family And Medical Leave Act leave shall not exceed three (3) months in any twelve-month period.

Article 17
Jury Duty Pay

All employees covered under this agreement who are required to serve as a juror or are subpoenaed for court appearances are granted leave with pay, less the compensation received for such service.

Article 18
Workers' Compensation

Workers' compensation shall be provided by the Board with coverage as specified in legislation of the State of New Hampshire.

In the event an employee is injured on the job and is collecting workers' compensation, the Board agrees to:

1. continue to accumulate all benefits during the period in which the employee is out on Workers' Compensation, up to six (6) months from the date of injury.

An employee injured while on the job and absent because of such injury shall be paid by the Board for the full day which the injury occurred.

Article 19
Tuition Reimbursement

Required Programs:

The Board will grant employees time with pay to attend job related seminars, workshops, courses and conferences that it requires an employee to attend.

The Board will reimburse at 100% the cost of tuition and or fees of said required job related seminars, workshops, courses and conferences plus any other directly related costs such as travel, lodging, meals, or other necessary expenses that are incurred.

Requested by Employee:

The Board may, at its discretion, grant time with pay to attend job related seminars, workshops, courses, and conferences that an employee wishes to attend. Upon request by the employee, the Board may, at its discretion, pay any or all of the following: tuition and/or fees, travel, lodging, meals or any other necessary expense.

Any such seminars, workshops, courses and conferences shall be approved in writing in advance by the Library Director or designee, in his/her discretion, and subject to available funding, as may be determined by the Library Director.

Degree Program:

The Board encourages all employees to pursue a degree at an accredited college/university approved by the Board when said degree is a requirement for job advancement. The Board shall budget a sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000) per fiscal year of this agreement for degree program reimbursement.

If the Board so determines, reimbursement is as follows:

Up to fifty percent (50%) of tuition costs will be reimbursed subject to availability of funds and number of employees requesting reimbursement. An employee shall be eligible for no more than $1,500 per contract year in reimbursements. Outside grants and scholarships covering less than fifty percent (50%) of tuition shall not be considered.

Students enrolled in a degree program must achieve a "B" or better in a graduate level course to be reimbursed, a "B-" or better in an undergraduate course.

Full-time employees actively pursuing an approved Master's degree on a more than occasional course basis, as determined by the Library Director, shall be granted up to five hours off with pay each week for class attendance and preparation.

Full-time employees actively pursuing an approved Bachelor's degree program on a more than occasional course basis, as determined by the Library Director, may be allowed flexible work schedules for class attendance and preparation when classes conflict with the employee's work schedule, in the discretion of the Library Director or designee.

Reimbursement for degree program courses shall be on a first come first served basis and subject to available funding as determined by the Library Director from time to time. In order to be eligible for reimbursement, it must be requested in advance of registration for the course. In the event the Director determines that there is not enough funding available to reimburse all employees requesting tuition reimbursement, preference shall be given to full-time employees currently pursuing an approved Master's Degree on a continuous basis, and the first come first serve shall apply to the date the employee first applied and was accepted into the degree program.

In order to be eligible for reimbursement, employees must have been employed by the Library for a minimum of one (1) year.

Article 20
Long Term Disability (LTD)

Full-time employees covered by this agreement who have been employed by the Library System for three (3) years of an uninterrupted basis, except by reason of layoff, on the job injury or approved leave of absence, shall be covered for long term disability under the City of Nashua's program of insurance, subject to such eligibility requirements and other terms and conditions as the City may establish. Employees are encouraged to maintain adequate sick time balances to cover the elimination period for the long term disability benefit in order to avoid the risk of having to request unpaid leave.

Article 21
Health Insurance

Except as otherwise provided in this Article 21, the Board shall provide, upon request of a member of the bargaining unit, the premium for an individual, two-person or family plan, of one but not more, of the following, if available, or a comparable plan if the following plan(s) are not available:

(a) Point of Service Plan;

(b) Health Maintenance Organization (HMO);

(c) The city may make additional plans available to members with benefit levels and premium cost sharing determined by the city in its sole discretion.

The option of the health care plan is at the sole discretion of the city. It is agreed by all parties concerned that the City reserves and shall have the right to change insurance carriers provided the benefits to participants are comparable and the City elects the least expensive plan available to provide such benefits.

Should the City determine that it is in the best interests of the City to offer a "comparable" plan to either option "a" or "b", it shall provide at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior written notice to the Union and documentation of the cost to members and the benefits that will be provided under the comparable plan. Should the Union determine that the proposed plan is not comparable, the grievance shall not be subject to the grievance procedure (Article 12), and shall be submitted directly for arbitration no later than thirty (30) days after the Union is notified of the proposed change to the comparable plan. The grievance shall be heard in an expedited manner. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding on both parties.

For the duration of this Agreement, either party to the Agreement may request that a joint labor/management committee be convened to consider the performance of the aforementioned plans and any changes thereto.

Comparable Plan Definition: for the purposes of this Article, a comparable plan means one that offers the same type of benefits, but benefits do not have to be exactly the same. In addition, the plan must provide reasonable access to health services and physicians, including specialists and hospitals.

City Contribution:

Effective July 1, 2011 for eligible members, the City shall contribute 70% of the premium of option (a) and 80% of the premium of option (b). All plans offered by the City shall have the following co-pays:

(a) Ten Dollars ($10.00) per medical visit;
(b) Fifty Dollars ($50.00) per emergency room visit

Implementation Terms for Increased Co-pays and Deductibles:

Effective July 1, 2012, all plans offered by the City shall have the following co-pays and deductibles:

(a) Twenty Dollars ($20.00) per medical visit;
(b) One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) per emergency room visit;
(c) Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) Per Person, Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) Per 2 Person/Family Inpatient/Outpatient Facility Deductible; and
(d) Three Tier Pharmacy Benefit of $5/$15/$35 ($5/$30/$70 Mail Order).

Employees will pay those increased co-pays and deductibles before July 1, 2012 when a total of eight bargaining units in the City of Nashua and the Nashua School District have agreed to implement those co-pays and deductibles.

For employees hired after the execution of this Agreement, the City shall, upon request of an eligible employee, provide an individual, two person or family plan for HMO or a plan provided under option "c" above. Such employees shall, during the enrollment next following their first anniversary and annually thereafter during the open enrollment period, have the right to transfer to another plan at the contribution rate set forth above. The contribution rate for all HMO employees shall be as provided for above.

Any eligible member of the bargaining unit requesting initial membership in a plan may enter during a specified enrollment period. Any eligible member desiring to select a different plan after having enrolled in one of the above plans may make such selection only once during any one calendar year during the specified enrollment period. Eligible members moving into or out of a HMO or Point-of-Service Plan service area may change plans within a specified period after such move to the extent permitted by the plans.

Regular part time employees are eligible for this benefit on a pro rata basis. This means, by way of example, that if a part time employees works 30 hours per week, he/she is eligible to receive 3/4 of the Board's contributive share of his/her premium cost, and the employee pays the balance. The regular part-time employee shall work a minimum of 25 hours per week in order to be eligible for this benefit.

In the event that an employee's spouse is employed by the City of Nashua, the Nashua School District, or another agency of the City, the employee shall be entitled to health insurance premium coverage either pursuant to this article or pursuant to the coverage afforded to the spouse, but not both.

Annual Audit: The city hereby agrees to conduct a yearly loss ratio analysis of all health insurance plans offered to employees and return all employee overpayments in the form of a health Insurance Premium Holiday at the completion of the analysis.

Article 22
Dental Insurance

The Board shall pay one hundred (100%) percent of the premium of a two person dental insurance program such as Delta Dental, currently in effect on the date of execution hereof. The Board reserves the right to change insurance carriers or plans, or to self insure the same. Such new plans shall offer benefits commercially available in the market and shall have overall comparability of coverage to the above referenced plans, to the extent said coverages are commercially available.

In the event that an employee's spouse is employed by the City of Nashua, the Nashua School District, or another agency of the City, the employee shall be entitled to dental insurance premium coverage either pursuant to this article or pursuant to the coverage afforded to the spouse, but not

both. Regular part-time employees are eligible for this benefit on a pro-rata basis as provided in Article 21: Health Insurance.

Article 23
Life Insurance

The Board agrees to pay one hundred percent [100%] of the premium cost of a Basic Life Insurance and AD&D for full time employees and regular part-time employees, in an amount equal to one and one half [1½] the employee's annual straight time wages, rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. Employees may purchase at their expense optional life insurance in denominations of up to three times their basic amount to a maximum of three hundred thousand [$300,000] total, basic and optional combined, subject to any eligibility or other rules, limitations or conditions prescribed by the insurer. The Board reserves the right to change life insurance providers.

Article 24
Dependent Care Assistance Program

Employees with dependents may be eligible for the Dependent Care Assistance Program as authorized by the Federal Government. The program allows a library employee up to a $5000 a year deduction from earnings without taxes [Federal, FICA] to be used for dependent care. The Board agrees to maintain this program in effect during this agreement so long as the same remains authorized in its present form by the Internal Revenue Code. Compliance with the Internal Revenue Code and any and all liability for taxation are the sole responsibility of the employee.

Article 25
Death Benefit

The beneficiary of an employee or the employee's estate shall be entitled to collect a payment at the current rate of pay the sum of the employee's vacation and compensatory time accrued until date of employee's death. The Library Director, or designee, will provide a form for the employee to designate their beneficiary(s). Change forms will be provided upon request.

Article 26
Pay Period

All employees covered under this agreement shall be paid on a weekly basis, Thursday of each week, unless a holiday falls on such day, in which case pay day will be the day prior.

Article 27
Military Service

Any full time employee covered under this Agreement who leaves to enter directly into involuntary active service in the Armed Forces of the United States is granted a military leave of absence for the anticipated length of service. A Military leave of absence entitles an employee to be reinstated to the position held, or one similar in pay and status, so long as the employee provides notice of his/her desire to resume such employment within thirty [30] days of discharge from the armed forces and the employee accepts such discharge at the earliest possible date.

Article 28
Military Reserve and National Guard Pay

Any full time employee covered under this Agreement called to serve not more than a seventeen [17] day annual training tour of duty with the National Guard or Armed Forces Reserves will be paid the difference between his or her pay for such government service and the amount of straight time earnings lost by the employee by reason of such service, based on the employee's regularly scheduled straight time rate. Such payments are to be made following the showing of satisfactory evidence of the amount of pay received for such service.

An employee covered under this Agreement called to serve duty with the National Guard or Armed Forces Reserves in the time of war or national conflict will be paid the difference between his/her pay for such government service and the amount of straight time earnings lost by the employee by reason of such service, based on the employee's regularly scheduled straight time rate. Such payments are to be made following the showing of satisfactory evidence of the amount of pay received for such service.

Article 29
Deferred Compensation

The Board will continue to offer a deferred compensation plan to all employees covered under this contract during the term hereof so long as it is authorized to do so in the present manner under the Internal Revenue Code. Deferred compensation allows the employee to defer income and the associated taxes from their paycheck, until they receive the money sometime after retirement.

Article 30
Mileage Reimbursement

Employees traveling in their own privately owned vehicle on library business will be reimbursed at the current city mileage reimbursement rate or the current Internal Revenue Service mileage reimbursement rate, whichever is higher.

Article 31
Travel

The Board shall pay all costs related to the travel it requires. Costs shall include but not be limited to: transportation cost (plane, train, automobile rental (if required), automobile at the prescribed mileage

rate, etc.), meals including tax and tip, lodging (including all taxes and a five minute phone call home each night) and other reasonable miscellaneous expenses directly related to the required travel.

Article 32
Personnel File

Every employee shall be entitled to access the supervisory records and reports of competence, personal character and efficiency, and any other information which is maintained in their official personnel file. The Library Administration shall allow the employee access to their file with twenty four [24] hours notice. Upon request the Library Administration shall copy the file for the employee. Subsequent copies will be made at cost. If the Administration places any material in the employee's personnel file, the employee shall be entitled to a copy at the time.

Article 33
Performance Evaluations

Performance evaluations shall be completed every year by the employee's direct supervisor on or before June 1st of each year.

The performance evaluation procedure requires an interview between the employee and his/her direct supervisor both of whom shall sign said evaluation. The employee shall be given a copy of the completed form and shall have the right to file a written statement pertinent thereto which shall be affixed to the form.

The purpose of performance evaluations is to analyze employee performance in relation to the mission of the Nashua Public Library. Its goal is to recognize performance and to suggest future areas of improvement. It is understood that performance evaluations are not meant to be disciplinary and as such not meant to be used by the Board, the Director or his designees as part of the Disciplinary Procedure.

The evaluation will be placed in the employee's personnel file after review by the Director or Assistant Director. An evaluation may be appealed directly to the Director or Assistant Director but will not be grievable under Article 12 of this Agreement.

An employee may have an annual salary increase withheld for unsatisfactory performance provided that the Administration has provided a reasonable notice and opportunity for the employee to improve noted deficiencies. Withholding of a salary increase shall not be arbitrary or capricious.

Article 34
Parking

Parking will be provided free of charge for all employees covered under this agreement.

Article 35
Bulletin Boards/Mail/Union Business

Bulletin Boards

The Board agrees to provide space for a suitable bulletin board in a convenient place in the Library, to be used by the Union. The Union shall limit its posting of notices and bulletins to the bulletin board. Posted materials and notices shall pertain only to union business, shall not pertain to individuals, whether union members or not, and shall not be offensive, illegal, or unprofessional. The Union agrees to maintain such bulletin boards in a neat and orderly condition. The Union bulletin board will be in the staff room in the Main Library.

Mail

Officers or officials of the Union shall have the right to reasonable use of the Library's and City's in-house mail service for correspondence related to union business.

Union Leave

The bargaining unit shall on an annual basis be granted twenty-four (24) hours of paid Union leave for the purpose of attending Union meetings, seminars or conferences. The President shall be responsible for the assignment of those days and shall notify the Director two (2) weeks prior to any such leave.

Article 36
Disciplinary Procedures

A. It is agreed that the Board has the right to discipline or discharge employees for just cause. Discipline shall be corrective in its nature and ordinarily utilized progressively. Disciplinary actions shall normally follow the order below:

1. Verbal warning (may be documented)
2. Written warnings
3. Suspensions without pay

4. Discharges

Demotion may be used for disciplinary purposes in appropriate instances. In the event of suspension, demotion, or discharge, the reasons for the action taken will be given in writing to the employee within 24 hours.

It is understood and agreed that the severity of any particular infraction may warrant deviation from the aforementioned steps, in which case progressive discipline need not be employed prior to discharge.

B. Any employee disciplined, demoted or discharged shall be entitled to the provisions of the Grievance Procedure, and will be allowed a Union representative of their choosing. If requested in writing by the employee, a hearing must be held with the Union and the Library Director within seven (7) calendar days of the discharge or suspension.

C. Provided that the employee has not had recurrence of discipline within the specified period, written warnings will be removed from the employee's personnel file after twelve (12) months upon a written request from the employee for such removal. The prior unexpired discipline is carried during the period of any subsequent equal or greater discipline and shall be considered in connection with any such subsequent discipline in determining the proper level of disciplinary action, including discharge.

D. Any discharge shall be affected in a manner consistent with the provisions of RSA 202-A, and this agreement shall be subordinate to the requirements of the statute as amended from time to time. It is understood that if RSA 202-A is amended in a way that changes the disciplinary procedure substantively that the parties to this agreement will meet and negotiate changes to this agreement that will be in compliance with law.

Article 37
Safety and Health

The Library System shall comply with all procedures pertinent to the safety and health of employees provided by New Hampshire RSA 281-A.

Effective July 1, 2006, the parties shall establish a joint labor-management committee comprised of two (2) union representatives and two (2) management representatives. The committee shall be advisory. The committee shall meet regularly to discuss issues regarding workplace safety and health concerns, provide recommendations for workplace safety and health programs and to implement and carry out workplace safety and health programs approved by the Library Board of Trustees.

Article 38
Wages

A. 1. Employees are placed in Grades according to Job Classification. Schedule A.

2. If annual wage increases and/or cost of living adjustments are granted, employees who are hired or promoted between July 1st and December 31st shall be eligible for annual wage increases and cost of living adjustments the following July 1st. Employees hired or promoted between January 1st and June 30th shall not be eligible for annual increases or cost of living adjustments until the July 1st of the following calendar year.

3. Only employees who are active employees on or after the date of signing of this collective bargaining agreement are eligible to receive annual wage increases and cost of living adjustments.

B. **Newly Hired or Promoted Employees:** Newly hired employees shall start at an appropriate wage within the hiring ranges set forth in Schedule B based upon labor grade assignment, pertinent years of experience that can be directly related to the new position's duties, as well as the wages of other Library employees in the same labor grade. Whenever the Director recommends and the Board approves payment of a new hire at a rate higher than a current employee in that grade, the Board shall provide to the Union, in writing, the relevant experience and/or relevant education of the new employee. For newly promoted employees, their new wage shall be at least 5% higher than the wage they received for their previous position. Management reserves the right to determine the number of years of directly related experience based on the information supplied by the employee and verified by Management.

C. Effective July 1, 20~~13~~15 (Fiscal Year 20~~14~~16):

Employees shall receive a 2.25% wage increase.

D. Effective July 1, 20~~14~~16 (Fiscal Year 20~~15~~17);
Employees shall receive a ~~3.0~~2.25% wage increase.

E. Working out of Classification

An employee shall not be required to perform work assigned by the Library Director or his/her designee out of classification for a period of ~~ten (10)~~ five (5) consecutive days or more without receiving the higher compensation. In such cases, the employee shall be paid a wage difference equal to not less than five percent (5%) of his/her annual compensation (pro rated).

Schedule A

Grade One	Janitor
Grade Two	Custodian, Book Processor

Grade Three	Maintenance Supervisor, Security
Grade Four	Library Assistant
Grade Five	Assistant Librarian
Grade Six	Coordinator
Grade Seven	Reference Librarian
Grade Eight	Librarian

Schedule B – Hiring Ranges

FY ~~14~~16

July 1, 20~~13~~15 - FY20~~14~~16 ~~2.5~~0.0%

Grade	Min	Max
1	$ 22,508	$ 27,877
2	$ 25,188	$ 30,651
3	$ 28,107	$ 34,639
4	$ 32,742	$ 38,729
5	$ 33,855	$ 43,299
6	$ 35,357	$ 46,148
7	$ 37,255	$ 49,578
8	$ 40,839	$ 54,346

FY ~~15~~17

July 1, 20~~14~~16 - FY20~~15~~17 ~~3~~0.0%

Grade	Min	Max
1	$ 23,183	$ 28,713
2	$ 25,944	$ 31,571
3	$ 28,950	$ 35,678
4	$ 33,724	$ 39,890
5	$ 34,870	$ 44,598
6	$ 36,417	$ 47,533
7	$ 38,373	$ 51,066
8	$ 42,064	$ 55,976

Article 39
Professional Affiliations/Licensing

The Board shall bear the cost of all required licenses and/or certifications required by various regulatory agencies (local, state and federal) to maintain the employee's qualifications necessary for continued employment.

Article 40
Duration of Agreement

This Agreement between the Union and the Board is a two (2) year agreement, commencing on July 1, 20~~13~~15 and expiring at midnight on June 30, 20~~15~~17. A party desiring to negotiate a successor agreement hereto shall give notice to the other party at least 120 days in advance of the expiration date hereof. If such notice is given, the parties shall negotiate a successor agreement in good faith, in advance of the expiration hereof if possible, and if said successor agreement has not been executed prior to said expiration date, then the parties shall conduct themselves in accordance with the principle of "status quo," or as otherwise required by law.

Article 41
Savings Clause

If any provision of this agreement, or application of such provision, should be rendered or declared invalid by any court action or by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation, the remaining provisions of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect to the extent not inconsistent with State and Federal law.

AGREED to by and between the parties at Nashua, New Hampshire, as evidenced by the signatures of their duly authorized representatives, set forth below, this ____ day of _____, 2015.

FOR THE NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Witness

FOR THE AFT LOCAL #4831 NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY EMPLOYEES

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Witness

Approved as to form:

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Stephen M. Bennett, Esq., Corporation Counsel
Office of Corporation Counsel - City of Nashua, New Hampshire

APPENDIX A

NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY EMPLOYEES- LOCAL 4831

PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION

Effective Date _____

Last Name (Please Print)	First Name	Middle Initial

Street Address _____ City/Town _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Home Phone Number _____ Home Email _____

Library Branch/Department _____ Job Title _____

Nashua Public Library Employees Local #4831, Federation of Public Employees

I hereby authorize you, according to arrangements agreed upon with the above organization, to deduct from my salary and transmit to said organization, dues as certified by said organization. I hereby waive all right and claim to said moneys so deducted and transmitted in accordance with this authorization, and relieve the Board of Trustees and all its officers from any liability therefore. I revoke any and all instruments heretofore made by me for such purposes while I am employed in the Public Library System, or until revoked by me in writing within fifteen (15) days after my anniversary date by delivering said written revocation to the Human Resources/ Payroll Department and the Union.

Member's Signature _____ Dated _____

Dues paid to the Nashua Public Library Employees Local #4831, FPE/AFT, may not be deductible for federal income tax purposes; however, under limited circumstances, dues may qualify as a business expense.

APPENDIX B

GRIEVANCE

Aggrieved Employee _____

Department _____ Date _____

Contract Provision Violated _____

Date Violation Occurred _____

Facts/Nature of Grievance _____

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Adjustment / Relief Requested

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Employee Signature Union Representative

Step II - Library Director or Designee:

Date submitted to Library Director or designee _____
(must be within 15 working days of the date of violation above)

Director or Designee's Response

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Date of Response _____ (must be within five (5) working days of receipt)

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Director or Designee's Signature

(If dissatisfied with director or designee's response, the Union must appeal to the Board of Trustees within five (5) working days of the date of response)

APPENDIX C

SICK LEAVE BANK OPERATIONAL RULES

The purpose of the Sick Leave Bank as provided for in the contract between the Union and Library Board of Trustees is to offer income protection to contributing members who must be absent because of prolonged or continuing illness beyond their control, or incapacitating accident.

1. To be eligible to withdraw from the bank, an employee must be enrolled as a donor.
2. An eligible member is entitled to a maximum of 15 prorated sick days, plus 2 prorated sick days for each prorated sick day donated.

Examples:

a) A 25 hr/week employee donates 2 days (or 2 x 5 = 10 hrs.) to the bank. He/she is entitled to a maximum of 15 + (2 x 2) = 19 days (or 19 x5 = 95 hours).

b) A 30 hr/week employee donates 5 days (or 5 x 6 = 30 hrs) to the bank. He/she is entitled to a maximum of 15 + (2 x 5) = 25 days (or 25 x 6 = 150 hrs).

c) A 40 hr/week employee donates 10 days (10 x 8 = 80 hrs) to the bank. He/she is entitled to a maximum of 10 + (2 x 10) = 30 days (or 30 x 8=360 hrs).

3. An eligible member requesting sick leave time from the bank must have exhausted his/her normal sick leave time, at which point he/she must fill out an application for withdrawal, to be obtained in the Administration Office.

4. The Sick Leave Bank committee shall render a decision on an application for withdrawal within 10 working days of the date all medical documentation and information requested by the Committee has been submitted. All decisions by the Sick Bank committee shall be final and not subject to the grievance procedure.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AND

NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY EMPLOYEES, AFT, FPE, LOCAL #4831

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017

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Article 1
Agreement

AGREEMENT, made and entered into as of the ____ day of _____, 2015, by and between Nashua Public Library Board of Trustees (hereinafter called the "Board") and the Nashua Public Library Employees, AFT, FPE, LOCAL #4831 (hereinafter called the "Union").

Article 2
Recognition

The Board hereby recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive representative of the library employees as certified by the PELRB of New Hampshire for all lawful purposes pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 273-A, and agrees to comply therewith in its dealings with the Union.

Should there be a dispute between an employee and the Union over the matter of an employee's Union membership, the Union agrees to hold the Board harmless in any such dispute.

Article 3
Discrimination

It is agreed that the Board will not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, lawful political or employee's organization affiliation, age, marital status, sexual preference or non-disqualifying disability, or on any basis prohibited by law.

Article 4
Union Dues

An employee, who is a member of the Union, may execute a written authorization mutually acceptable to the Board and the Union providing that a portion of his/her salary representing monthly dues be withheld weekly and forwarded to the Union. Upon receiving a properly executed Authorization and Assignment Form from an employee, the Union shall notify the Human Resources/Payroll Department to deduct from salary due, the amount authorized, and a copy of said form acceptable to the Human Resources Department shall be furnished thereto in advance of said deduction. A copy of said form is attached as **Appendix A**.

Each month, a check for the amount of all dues deducted, along with a current list of members from whose salary dues deductions have been made, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Union.

An employee who executes such authorization form shall continue to have such deductions made from his/her salary during the term of this agreement or until the Human Resource/Payroll Department, with a copy to the Union, are notified that the payroll deduction authorization is being revoked, and the employee thus withdraws the authority for the deduction of dues. Dues deductions shall be made without cost to the employee or the Union. An employee may be permitted to withdraw membership only during the fifteen (15) day period from his/her anniversary date.

Dues deductions shall be subordinate to deductions required by law and other deductions. No deductions shall be made if an employee has insufficient salary in any pay period. The Board shall not be responsible for deducting any arrearage in dues owed to the Union by a member, or any special or other assessment by the Union, with the exception of the deduction of initiations fees if expressly authorized on the form noted above.

Deductions shall automatically terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

1. Termination of employment;
2. Transfer out of the bargaining unit;
3. Lay-off;
4. Revocation by the employee of Dues Authorization during the aforementioned window period.

The Union shall indemnify and save harmless the Board and the City of Nashua in and on account of any and all claims, suits or damages arising out of, or in relation to, such dues deductions.

Article 5
Agency Fee

An employee who elects not to pay Union dues shall pay an agency fee for services rendered by the Union in an amount certified by the Union. Said authorization form for fees shall be due within thirty days from the date of employment. The City agrees to collect agency fees in the same method and manner as the collection of Union dues.

Article 6
Employee Rights

It is agreed that the Board will not:

A. Dominate or interfere in the formation and administration of the Union;

B. Discriminate in the hire, tenure, or the terms and conditions of employment of employees or potential employees for the purpose of encouraging or discouraging membership in the Union;

C. Discharge, suspend, discipline, or otherwise discriminate against any employee because the employee has filed a complaint, affidavit, or petition, or given information or testimony on a grievance, as set forth in RSA 273-A;

D. Restrain, coerce, or otherwise interfere with the Union in the exercise of rights granted by statute.

It is the intention of the parties that this article provides that the Union shall enjoy all the rights secured by RSA 273-A.

Article 7
Management Rights

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this agreement, the Board shall have, whether exercised or not, all the rights, powers, and authority vested in it by virtue of the Statutes of the State of New Hampshire and the Nashua City Charter and Ordinances, now or hereinafter enacted including, but not limited to, the rights to:

A. Control the management and administration of the Nashua Library System;

B. Hire, promote, transfer, assign, retain, layoff, and direct employees within the Nashua Library System;

C. Suspend, demote, discharge and take other disciplinary actions against employees for just cause;

D. Issue, modify, and enforce Rules and Regulations which do not expressly violate the terms of this Agreement.

E. Determine the methods, means, and personnel by which the Nashua Library System's operations are to be conducted, as well as to determine those operations and to assign duties, hours, and responsibilities to its employees accordingly;

F. Exercise control and discretion over the Library System, its organization, and the technology or lack thereof employed in performing its work;

G. Determine the standards of selection for employment and the standards of service to be offered by the Nashua Library System;

H. Assign bargaining unit employees to work in any job classification as needed, in the judgment of the appropriate supervisor or manager;

I. Exercise managerial policy, as set forth in RSA 273-A;

J. Schedule the hours and days of work whether for emergency purposes or not.

The foregoing Management rights are set out for purposes of illustration and not limitation; the Board shall retain all such rights, powers, and authority, whether exercised or not, conferred upon it by law. This clause is not meant to negate the Union's right to negotiate over changes in wages, hours and working conditions as provided by law. Nothing herein shall be deemed to abrogate the authority of the Board conferred upon it by RSA 202-A, as amended from time to time.

Article 8
Strikes and Work Stoppages

The Union shall not instigate, sponsor, or encourage any activity or action in contravention of the provisions or intent of this Agreement.

No employee shall, alone or in concert, engage in, initiate, sponsor, support or direct a strike, work stoppage, or refuse in the course of employment to perform assigned duties; or withhold, curtail or restrict services or otherwise interfere with the operations of the Nashua Library System, or encourage others to do so; or engage or participate in any other form of illegal job action.

Article 9
Work Week and Work Schedule

A. The work week shall consist of seven consecutive 24 hour periods beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday.

B. The normal work schedule for full time employees shall consist of forty (40) hours.

C. Any change in regular work schedule hours shall be the subject of discussions between the Union and the Board of Trustees before being implemented. This subsection shall not be construed to reduce or impair management's authority pursuant to the article entitled "Management Rights," supra.

D. 1. Full-time: Full-time staff members are those who work forty (40) hours during a work week schedule arranged by each department.

(1a) **Full-time Support Staff**: The work week is Monday through Friday or as arranged by each department.

(1b) **Full-time Public Service Staff**: The work week is Monday through Saturday. Public Service staff is required to work no more than two nights per week and alternate Saturdays based on departmental needs.

2. Regular Part-time Staff: The work week shall ordinarily consist of no more than 30 hours a week.

As long as Sunday hours are maintained from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., compensation shall be handled as follows:

Employees scheduled for Sunday hours shall be paid time and one half (1½) for all hours worked or may, at the employee's option, schedule time off during that pay period subject to the needs of the business at the rate of two (2) times the number of hours worked on Sunday, or earn compensatory time of one and one-half (1½) the number of hours worked on Sunday to be used during a later pay period.

Management reserves the right to determine staffing levels for these Sunday hours. Except in the event of special programs or events, minimum Sunday bargaining unit staffing levels will be as follows:

Circulation: 3
Reference: 2
Children's: 2
Music/Art/Media (to become Chandler Wing): 2
Janitorial/maintenance: 1

Additional staffing may be approved for Sundays on which special events or programs will be held.

Pages may also be scheduled on Sundays to perform the duties assigned to their position.

During the first week of every month, department heads will schedule Sunday hours for the following month, according to the following procedure:

1. The Sunday hours will be offered to all qualified bargaining unit employees within the department, on the rotating basis of seniority. The most senior employee will choose one Sunday or pass. Then the next most senior employee will choose one Sunday or pass, etc. The rotation will be repeated until either all Sunday hours are filled or no employee wants any more Sunday hours. In the case of remaining unfilled hours, Step (2) shall then be followed.

2. Unfilled Sunday hours will be offered to all qualified bargaining unit employees outside the department. Department heads will provide a sign-up sheet in the employee staff room for at least five (5) business days (the second week of the month). Rules of rotating seniority apply as in Step One (1). In the case of remaining unfilled hours, Step Three (3) may then be followed.

3. Unfilled Sunday hours will be assigned to bargaining unit employees within the department on the basis of reverse seniority. The least senior employee must choose one Sunday. The next least senior employee must choose at least one Sunday, etc. The reverse rotation will be repeated until all Sunday hours are filled.

Mealtime: Employees are allowed up to one (1) unpaid hour for meals.

Break Time:

A paid fifteen minute break is given for each four hours of work. Breaks cannot be accumulated and may not ordinarily be used to shorten the work day or added to the meal period.

Call-Back Rights:

Any employee called back to work on an unscheduled basis after having completed his/her assigned work schedule for the day and having left his/her place of employment and before his/her next regularly scheduled starting time, shall be granted time and one-half in money or compensatory time, at the discretion of the employee, for all the hours worked on call-back. The employee shall be guaranteed a minimum of two (2) hours for being called back to the library. This provision does not apply to split shifts.

Any employee required to perform work responsibilities when the library is closed or outside of the employee's normal work schedule, and the required work can be performed without the employee physically reporting to the library, that employee shall be compensated at a minimum of one (1) hour at the employee's overtime rate of pay.

Article 10
Overtime

Overtime must be approved by the Library Director or designee before overtime work is performed. Any hours worked over 40 in one work week will be paid at time and one-half in money or time and one-half in compensatory time, at the discretion of the employee. Part-time employees will be paid straight time up to 40 hours and time and one-half for any additional hours in either money or compensatory time at the discretion of the employee.

Compensatory time for hourly employees will be subject to the requirements of State and Federal law, however, where the Collective Bargaining Agreement provides for a greater benefit the Agreement shall control. Use of compensatory time for salaried and hourly employees will be granted upon the employee's request, subject to the approval of the Library Director or designee. No such request will be unreasonably denied. Upon separation from service unused compensatory time will be paid to the employee. In the event of the death of an employee, his/her unused compensatory time will be paid to the spouse or estate of the employee.

Article 11
Seniority

Seniority is defined as length of service within the bargaining unit. Seniority shall be determined on a pro rata basis.

For example,

40 hour work week	1 year = 1 year
30 hour work week	1 year = 9 months
25 hour work week	1 year = 7.5 months

Service ceased due to resignation, retirement or termination shall cause all accrued seniority to be lost. Employees who are laid off and subsequently rehired under the recall provision shall upon his/her return, be entitled to all previously accrued seniority.

Seniority shall not accrue while an employee is on unpaid leave. Unpaid leave does not include Workers' Compensation leave, during which seniority will accrue. Seniority will cease to accrue on the beginning of the first full month after leave is granted.

The Board shall furnish the Union secretary/treasurer with an up-to-date Seniority List on a quarterly basis, if requested. The Board will also furnish the names of all new hires, promotions, layoffs and terminations on a monthly basis.

Until a new hire has served the probationary period, the employee has no seniority status and may be discharged or laid off without cause. Upon successful completion of the probationary period, seniority will accrue retroactively to the date of hire.

The employee shall accumulate seniority while on an authorized leave of absence with the exception of unpaid leave as outlined above. Seniority is employed for purposes of assigning leave, overtime, layoff and recall as provided in articles pertinent to those subjects.

Article 12
Grievance Procedure

In the event that differences arise with respect to any provision of this Agreement, an earnest effort shall be made to settle such differences promptly. The process will be carried out in the following order and manner. Any resolution of a grievance, at any step in the process, shall not be inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement. Any grievance involving the interpretation or application of a specific provision of this Agreement shall be ultimately settled by arbitration.

Step I — An employee shall present a verbal grievance with or without the assistance of the Union to his/her immediate supervisor. The employee may meet with the supervisor for a maximum of one hour. If the grievance is not settled at the meeting, the grievance may proceed to the next step. The employee will be paid at his/her regular rate of pay for time spent in the meeting, if during work hours. The Union shall be notified of the resolution of the grievance in writing within five (5) working days. Working days for the purposes of this article are Monday through Friday and do not include Saturdays or Sundays.

Step II — If the employee is not satisfied with the results of Step 1, the grievance shall be set in writing as provided in **Appendix B**.

The grievance must be signed by the employee and Union Representative, and presented to the Library Director or designee within fifteen (15) working days after the employee knew or should have known of the occurrence or the circumstances giving rise to the grievance.

The Library Director or designee will be given five (5) working days after the receipt of the grievance to have a meeting with a Union representative, with or without the aggrieved party, and to communicate a decision in writing to the Union. If the grievance is not settled to the satisfaction of the employee and the Union, or if no reply is communicated after five (5) working days, the grievance may proceed to Step III.

Step III The Union shall inform the Board of the grievance, in writing and within ten (10) working days of the notification of the Library Director's decision or lack thereof. The Union shall provide the Board with copies of all prior communications. The Board will, at its next regular meeting, or thirty (30) days, whichever comes sooner, meet with a Union Representative designated by the Union, with or without the aggrieved party. The Board will then communicate a written decision to the Union within ten (10) working days thereafter. If the grievance is not settled to the satisfaction of the Union, or if no reply has been communicated after the ten (10) working days, the grievance may proceed to Step IV.

Step IV Within thirty (30) working days after the Board decision, or expiration of the decision period, the Union will have the option of submitting any remaining disagreement over the interpretation or application of a specific provision of this agreement to be settled by arbitration. The Union shall inform the Board in writing of the decision to arbitrate.

The choice of Arbitrator shall be by agreement of the two parties. However, if no such agreement has been reached within ten (10) working days of the filing of the decision to arbitrate, the grievance may be referred to the N.H. PELRB for the selection of the arbitrator. All decisions of the arbitrator shall be binding. The arbitrator shall have no authority to award a monetary remedy hereunder other than for lost compensation which would have been otherwise received pursuant to the terms of this agreement.

Time Limitations:

The times for taking action stated above may be extended by mutual consent in writing, but all the steps of this procedure shall be handled as expeditiously as possible with a view to promoting and maintaining harmony. A request of either party for an extension of time shall not be unreasonably denied.

Failure at any step of this procedure by the Library Director, his/her designee, the Union or the Board to communicate a decision in writing on a grievance within the time specified shall permit an appeal of the grievance to the next step. Failure at any step of this procedure to appeal a grievance to the next step within the specified time limits shall be deemed to be acceptance of the decision rendered at the step, even if no decision has been rendered, and shall constitute a waiver of the right to further appeal the grievance.

Union Representation:

The Board will allow the aggrieved party reasonable time to meet with Union representatives for the purpose of discussing the grievance.

Fees:

The fees and expenses charged by the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the Board and the Union.

Grievances by the Board:

The Board shall have the right to present grievances. In the event it does so, it shall notify the Union of the grievance in writing and the time periods for response by the Union shall be the same as set forth in Step III and IV above.

Article 13
Job Posting/Lay-Offs/Recall

Posting Policy:

A notice of position vacancy shall be communicated to all library employees and shall be posted and/or advertised externally. The notice of position vacancy shall be posted on the Main Library Staff Room bulletin board for ten (10) working days to allow qualified eligible employees to apply.

The notices will include information on job title, grade, salary/hourly, department, brief description of the usual job content, and position qualifications.

All internal applications will be reviewed and all qualified internal candidates will be interviewed. No external applicant will be considered until all qualified internal candidates are interviewed. All internal applicants not selected for promotional positions shall be notified of the decision in writing prior to the hiring of external applicants.

Selection of qualified candidate:

The Board, upon the recommendation of the Library Director, shall make the final decision when filling the position. The best qualified candidate in the opinion of the Board shall be selected. The guidelines for filling any open position are based upon the applicant's ability, qualifications, experience and work performance. When qualifications between applicants are relatively equal, seniority will be used to award the position.

Promotional Procedures:

A promotional employee shall have a performance evaluation completed at least once during the probationary period. Should the employee's performance be unsatisfactory, or should the employee find the job unsatisfactory anytime during the promotional probationary period, the employee shall

be entitled to return to the position from which promoted within ninety (90) days of the promotion, unless this period is extended for an additional thirty (30) days by the Library Director.

Probationary Period:

The probationary period for all new hires will be at least ninety (90) calendar days and may be extended by management in order to provide the employee additional time to be successful. In no case will the probationary period be more than 180 days. For promotional employees, the probationary period is ninety (90) calendar days, unless extended for an additional thirty (30) days as set forth above.

Rate of Pay:

Persons appointed to positions for the first time shall be paid an amount within the established range for the position except that no new employee shall be paid more than a current employee in that position with the same years of relevant experience and relevant education. Relevant education and relevant prior job experience will be considered when determining where a newly appointed person will be placed in the established pay range for a position. Whenever the Director recommends and the Board approves payment of a new hire at a rate higher than a current employee in that grade, the Board shall provide to the Union, in writing, the relevant experience and/or relevant education of the new employee.

Lay-Off Provision:

The Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to institute a reduction in force as it deems necessary to conduct its operations.

If the Board is contemplating a reduction in force or elimination of a position, the Board will notify any employee to be laid off four (4) weeks before the proposed effective date of layoff. Such notice will be in writing and will include the proposed time schedule and the reason for the proposed reduction in force. Such written notice shall be provided to the Union president at the same time.

When making layoff decisions, qualification factors such as education and experience, job performance and absenteeism will be considered. If management finds all factors to be reasonably equal for the employees subject to layoff, then reverse seniority shall be utilized in making the layoff decision.

Bumping Rights:

A full time employee shall be eligible to "bump" the least senior full-time employee in a position in the grade for which they are qualified. A part-time employee shall be eligible to "bump" the least senior part-time employee in a position and the grade for which they are qualified. If this is not possible, the employee shall be eligible to bump the least senior employee in the grade below in a position for which he/she is qualified, if any. An employee may bump the least senior person in any lower paid grade for a position for which he/she is qualified. An employee who is displaced as a result of an employee asserting bumping rights, shall be entitled to the same bumping procedures

outlined above. For an employee to be considered "qualified", he/she shall meet the minimum qualifications contained in the job description for the position. Employees bumping into a position must be willing to work the hours required for the position.

Recall Provision:

Laid off employees shall be eligible for recall for a period of two (2) years from the date of layoff. A laid off employee shall be given any position which he/she may be qualified during said period. Recall will be by seniority providing the recalled employee is qualified for the open position. The Board shall send notices of position vacancies to all employees eligible for recall to their last known address. If an employee refuses a position twice within the two (2) year period, he/she shall be removed from the recall list. An employee who fails to exercise his/her bumping rights or refuses recall shall still be considered laid-off and is entitled to collect all unused vacation and compensatory time as well as sick leave provided for in Article 14.

Article 14
Paid Leaves

Paid leave time shall be deducted at a minimum of fifteen (15) minute increments for both salaried and hourly employees. This shall in no way affect the employment status of salaried employees who shall remain salaried. The number of hours of paid leave time to which full-time and part-time employees are entitled are set forth below. The number of hours of personal, sick, and bereavement leave time to which regular part-time employees are entitled shall be determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{\textbf{Regular scheduled weekly hours}}{\textbf{40 hours}} \times \textbf{number of hours to which a full-time employee is entitled}$$

Personal Leave:

Full-time employees shall be granted a maximum of four (4) days of personal leave with full pay per year. Regular part-time employees shall be granted a maximum number of hours of personal leave as determined by the above formula.

Three (3) days of personal leave shall be drawn from employees sick time account.

Personal leave shall not carry forward from year to year.

Upon retirement or death, but not termination or resignation, the employee or the employee's estate shall receive payment in full for any unused personal leave.

Sick Leave:

Every full-time employee is entitled to sick leave with full pay earned at the rate of eleven (11) hours per month.

Every regular part-time employee is entitled to sick leave with pay as determined by the above formula.

There is no maximum accrual of sick leave effective July 1, 2001.

Sick Leave shall be used only for illness, injury, medical or dental appointments, or accident of employee, employee's domestic partner, parent or children.

Management may require a doctor's statement on employee's condition after three (3) days of absence, if desired.

Employees terminating employment because of illness may remain on full salary for the period of accrued sick leave. However said employees may opt to take a lump sum payment of one-half (1/2) their accrued sick leave calculated at the rate of pay in effect on their last day of employment.

Upon retirement or death, but not termination or resignation, the employees or the employee's estate shall receive payment for the balance of sick leave accrued in his/her account in a lump sum calculated at the rate of pay in effect on the day of retirement, as follows:

Employees hired after July 1, 2001 shall be entitled to payment for twenty-percent (20%) of all unused sick leave.

Employees hired on or before July 1, 2001 shall be entitled to payment for one hundred percent (100%) of unused sick leave up to the amount accrued as of June 30, 2001, but not to exceed sixty (60) days, plus twenty-percent (20%) of all sick leave accrued thereafter.

Sick leave may be transferred from city departments to the library when changing jobs, up to the amount of the maximum accrual set forth above.

In the event of a lay-off, employees with five (5) or more years of continuous employment with the Library shall receive payment for the balance of sick leave accrued in his/her account in a lump sum calculated at the rate of pay in effect on the last day of employment, as follows:

Employees hired after July 1, 2001 shall be entitled to payment for twenty-percent (20%) of all unused sick leave.

Employees hired on or before July 1, 2001 shall be entitled to payment for one hundred percent (100%) of unused sick leave up to the amount accrued as of June 30, 2001, but not to exceed sixty (60) days, plus twenty-percent (20%) of all sick leave accrued thereafter.

An employee who has been laid-off and has refused work or declined to bump another employee shall be entitled to the aforementioned sick leave payment.

Bereavement Leave:

Full-time employees shall be entitled to up to twenty-four (24) hours of paid bereavement leave per occurrence.

Regular part-time employees shall be entitled to paid bereavement leave per occurrence as determined by the above formula.

Death in the employee's immediate family only is covered. The leave may extend from the time of notification of death to and including the day following burial, but not more than three (3) days. When unusual conditions exist, this period may be extended at the discretion of the Library Director or designee.

The immediate family includes the employee's domestic partner, spouse, children (including fetuses, miscarriages and still-births), parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandchildren, son or daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law and step children.

For full-time and regular part-time employees, an allowance for the day of the funeral may be made for any other blood or maritally related relative with the prior approval of the Library Director. When unusual circumstances exist, this period may be extended at the discretion of the Library Director or designee.

Holiday Leave:

All full-time and regular part-time employees covered under this agreement shall receive as holiday pay, straight time wages for his/her regularly scheduled hours (not to exceed 8 hours). In order to qualify for pay on an unworked holiday, an employee must be on payroll on both the last scheduled work day prior to the day the holiday is observed and the first scheduled work day subsequent to the day on which the holiday is observed. They shall not usually be required to work on the following holidays, plus any other holidays as the Board of Library Trustees shall determine from time to time.

New Year's Day
President's Day
Civil Rights Day
Memorial Day (Fed)
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
Two (2) Floating Holidays (to be used between July 1st and June 30th)

Floating holidays shall be awarded as follows during an employee's first contract year of hire:

Employees hired prior to October 1st shall receive two (2) floating holidays;
Employees hired from October 1st through December 31st shall receive one (1) floating holiday; and,
Employees hired January 1st through June 30th shall receive no floating holidays.

Employees shall receive two (2) floating holidays for each subsequent contract year.

When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the holiday will be observed on the preceding Friday. When a holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday will be observed on the following Monday.

Employees working on Christmas Eve Day shall not be required to work later than 5:30 p.m.

When a holiday falls on an employee's day off, the employee shall be paid at his/her straight time rate for his/her regularly scheduled daily hours (not to exceed eight (8) hours) or at the discretion of the Library Director, may be given another day off (regular schedule) during the same pay period.

If an employee works on one of the above-referenced holidays, the employee shall be compensated as follows:

The employee shall receive two times straight time pay for the hours worked.

Floating holidays are granted with seniority as a deciding factor when two or more employees request the same day off and there is a scheduling conflict.

Employees taking a floating holiday shall not be entitled to any pay or leave adjustment should the Trustees close the library for any part of that day.

Vacation Leave:

The Board encourages the reasonable use of vacation by employees in order to foster their health and wellbeing.

All employees shall be entitled to vacation according to the following schedules:

Full Time Employees:

After one year of service	80 hours (40 hours may be taken after 6 months if approved by the Library Director or designee)
After five years of service	120 hours
After ten years of service	160 hours
After twenty years of service	200 hours

Regular Part-Time Employees:

After one year of service	80 hours multiplied by the ratio the employee's regular weekly scheduled hours are to forty (40) hours.
After five years of service	120 hours multiplied by the above ratio.
After ten years of service	160 hours multiplied by the above ratio
After twenty years of service	200 hours multiplied by the above ratio

Vacation request forms must be requested using the city's time keeping software and approved by the Library Director in advance of his/her vacation to allow for proper scheduling of personnel. Forms must be signed by department supervisors and submitted to the Library Director.

Vacations that exceed three consecutive weeks at one time must have advance written approval of the Library Director.

Vacations are granted with seniority as the deciding factor when two or more employees request the same time period off and there is a scheduling conflict. Vacation requests shall be submitted no later than two (2) months prior to the first date of the planned vacation if the seniority provision is to apply.

When an employee leaves the Nashua Library service for any reason, he/she is entitled to receive payment for the balance of his/her vacation account accrued up to the date of termination. Vacation leave may be transferred from City departments to the Library when changing jobs up to the amount of the maximum accrual set forth above.

Maximum Accrual:

Unused vacation leave may be retained from year to year and vacation leave shall continue to accrue as provided herein up to a balance equal to two times the amount of vacation leave to which the employee is annually entitled. No vacation leave shall accrue beyond that limit, and any such time not accrued shall be forfeited.

Employees at or over the maximum accrual as of July 1, 2001 shall not lose any accumulated vacation time and will be given the opportunity to use any accumulated vacation time over the maximum accrual. No employee will lose any accumulated vacation as the result of denial of a pending application for vacation.

<u>Conversion from days to hours</u>

If necessary, days shall be converted to hours based on the following formula.

Full-time employees	accrued paid leave days multiplied by eight (8)

Regular part-time employees	accrued paid leave days multiplied by eight (8) multiplied by the ratio of the employees regularly scheduled weekly hours to forty (40).

Sick and vacation leave of employees transferring to the Library from other city departments shall be done pursuant to the above formula.

Article 14A
Sick Leave Bank

A. A sick leave bank shall be maintained in accordance with this article for participating members who have exhausted their individual accrued sick leave as a result of a serious extended illness or incapacitating accident.

B. Contributions must be made within fifteen (15) calendar days from July 1 until the bank reaches nine hundred and sixty (960) hours. In order to join, contributions of one regularly scheduled day may be made by new hires within 90 days of their date of hire. Employees who have not previously contributed may do so during an annual open enrollment period to be determined by the Union. Contributions may also be made when a call for replenishment is made up to a maximum of ten (10) days per employee or call. Any employee retiring, resigning or terminating cannot contribute their balance of sick leave time. All contributions shall be voluntary.

C. A call for replenishment shall be made at any point in time when the balance of days in the bank falls below nine hundred and sixty (960) hours.

D. The operation of the bank and withdrawals from it shall be governed by a committee of two (2) members selected by the union and two (2) members selected by the Library Director. The rules and operating procedures to administer the bank are contained in **Appendix C**. Any changes to the operational rules shall be approved by the Board and the Union. In considering requests for withdrawal from the bank, the committee may require substantiating medical documents, and in all cases, the decision(s) rendered by the committee shall be final and binding. A decision to grant benefits under this article must be unanimous. No decision of the committee shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

E. A participating member may withdraw sick days from the bank only after 1) exhausting his/her accrued sick leave; and 2) receiving the approval of the committee. Withdrawals shall be retroactive to the first working day following the exhaustion of accrued sick leave.

Article 15
Unpaid Leave

A request for a leave of absence without pay must be submitted in writing to the Library Director. Leaves up to one month may be granted by the Library Director; all leaves requested exceeding one month, accompanied by the recommendation of the Library Director, must be submitted for approval to the Board.

The Board, upon the recommendation of the Library Director, and in its sole discretion, may grant a maximum of one year leave of absence without pay for personal reasons to any employee.

During an unpaid leave of absence, the Board shall continue to pay its portion of health, dental and life insurance premiums for up to six (6) months. Employees who are on such leave shall continue to pay their portion of the premiums during that period, and thereafter shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the cost to continue coverage.

Payment of group insurance premiums during an unpaid leave of absence must be arranged in advance with the Human Resource and Insurance Department of the City of Nashua.

Article 16
Family and Medical Leave Act

The Board shall approve leave in accordance with the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993; however, any such leave shall be taken on a paid leave basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 14A of this Agreement first, with any remaining leave to be taken on an unpaid basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 15 of this Agreement. Family And Medical Leave Act leave shall not exceed three (3) months in any twelve-month period.

Article 17
Jury Duty Pay

All employees covered under this agreement who are required to serve as a juror or are subpoenaed for court appearances are granted leave with pay, less the compensation received for such service.

Article 18
Workers' Compensation

Workers' compensation shall be provided by the Board with coverage as specified in legislation of the State of New Hampshire.

In the event an employee is injured on the job and is collecting workers' compensation, the Board agrees to:

1. continue to accumulate all benefits during the period in which the employee is out on Workers' Compensation, up to six (6) months from the date of injury.

An employee injured while on the job and absent because of such injury shall be paid by the Board for the full day which the injury occurred.

Article 19
Tuition Reimbursement

Required Programs:

The Board will grant employees time with pay to attend job related seminars, workshops, courses and conferences that it requires an employee to attend.

The Board will reimburse at 100% the cost of tuition and or fees of said required job related seminars, workshops, courses and conferences plus any other directly related costs such as travel, lodging, meals, or other necessary expenses that are incurred.

Requested by Employee:

The Board may, at its discretion, grant time with pay to attend job related seminars, workshops, courses, and conferences that an employee wishes to attend. Upon request by the employee, the Board may, at its discretion, pay any or all of the following: tuition and/or fees, travel, lodging, meals or any other necessary expense.

Any such seminars, workshops, courses and conferences shall be approved in writing in advance by the Library Director or designee, in his/her discretion, and subject to available funding, as may be determined by the Library Director.

Degree Program:

The Board encourages all employees to pursue a degree at an accredited college/university approved by the Board when said degree is a requirement for job advancement. The Board shall budget a sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000) per fiscal year of this agreement for degree program reimbursement.

If the Board so determines, reimbursement is as follows:

Up to fifty percent (50%) of tuition costs will be reimbursed subject to availability of funds and number of employees requesting reimbursement. An employee shall be eligible for no more than $1,500 per contract year in reimbursements. Outside grants and scholarships covering less than fifty percent (50%) of tuition shall not be considered.

Students enrolled in a degree program must achieve a "B" or better in a graduate level course to be reimbursed, a "B-" or better in an undergraduate course.

Full-time employees actively pursuing an approved Master's degree on a more than occasional course basis, as determined by the Library Director, shall be granted up to five hours off with pay each week for class attendance and preparation.

Full-time employees actively pursuing an approved Bachelor's degree program on a more than occasional course basis, as determined by the Library Director, may be allowed flexible work schedules for class attendance and preparation when classes conflict with the employee's work schedule, in the discretion of the Library Director or designee.

Reimbursement for degree program courses shall be on a first come first served basis and subject to available funding as determined by the Library Director from time to time. In order to be eligible for reimbursement, it must be requested in advance of registration for the course. In the event the Director determines that there is not enough funding available to reimburse all employees requesting tuition reimbursement, preference shall be given to full-time employees currently pursuing an approved Master's Degree on a continuous basis, and the first come first serve shall apply to the date the employee first applied and was accepted into the degree program.

In order to be eligible for reimbursement, employees must have been employed by the Library for a minimum of one (1) year.

Article 20
Long Term Disability (LTD)

Full-time employees covered by this agreement who have been employed by the Library System for three (3) years of an uninterrupted basis, except by reason of layoff, on the job injury or approved leave of absence, shall be covered for long term disability under the City of Nashua's program of insurance, subject to such eligibility requirements and other terms and conditions as the City may establish. Employees are encouraged to maintain adequate sick time balances to cover the elimination period for the long term disability benefit in order to avoid the risk of having to request unpaid leave.

Article 21
Health Insurance

Except as otherwise provided in this Article 21, the Board shall provide, upon request of a member of the bargaining unit, the premium for an individual, two-person or family plan, of one but not more, of the following, if available, or a comparable plan if the following plan(s) are not available:

(a) Point of Service Plan;

(b) Health Maintenance Organization (HMO);

(c) The city may make additional plans available to members with benefit levels and premium cost sharing determined by the city in its sole discretion.

The option of the health care plan is at the sole discretion of the city. It is agreed by all parties concerned that the City reserves and shall have the right to change insurance carriers provided the benefits to participants are comparable and the City elects the least expensive plan available to provide such benefits.

Should the City determine that it is in the best interests of the City to offer a "comparable" plan to either option "a" or "b", it shall provide at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior written notice to the Union and documentation of the cost to members and the benefits that will be provided under the comparable plan. Should the Union determine that the proposed plan is not comparable, the grievance shall not be subject to the grievance procedure (Article 12), and shall be submitted directly for arbitration no later than thirty (30) days after the Union is notified of the proposed change to the comparable plan. The grievance shall be heard in an expedited manner. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding on both parties.

For the duration of this Agreement, either party to the Agreement may request that a joint labor/management committee be convened to consider the performance of the aforementioned plans and any changes thereto.

Comparable Plan Definition: for the purposes of this Article, a comparable plan means one that offers the same type of benefits, but benefits do not have to be exactly the same. In addition, the plan must provide reasonable access to health services and physicians, including specialists and hospitals.

City Contribution:

Effective July 1, 2011 for eligible members, the City shall contribute 70% of the premium of option (a) and 80% of the premium of option (b). All plans offered by the City shall have the following co-pays:

(a) Ten Dollars ($10.00) per medical visit;
(b) Fifty Dollars ($50.00) per emergency room visit

Implementation Terms for Increased Co-pays and Deductibles:

Effective July 1, 2012, all plans offered by the City shall have the following co-pays and deductibles:

(a) Twenty Dollars ($20.00) per medical visit;
(b) One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) per emergency room visit;
(c) Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) Per Person, Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) Per 2 Person/Family Inpatient/Outpatient Facility Deductible; and
(d) Three Tier Pharmacy Benefit of $5/$15/$35 ($5/$30/$70 Mail Order).

Employees will pay those increased co-pays and deductibles before July 1, 2012 when a total of eight bargaining units in the City of Nashua and the Nashua School District have agreed to implement those co-pays and deductibles.

For employees hired after the execution of this Agreement, the City shall, upon request of an eligible employee, provide an individual, two person or family plan for HMO or a plan provided under option "c" above. Such employees shall, during the enrollment next following their first anniversary and annually thereafter during the open enrollment period, have the right to transfer to another plan at the contribution rate set forth above. The contribution rate for all HMO employees shall be as provided for above.

Any eligible member of the bargaining unit requesting initial membership in a plan may enter during a specified enrollment period. Any eligible member desiring to select a different plan after having enrolled in one of the above plans may make such selection only once during any one calendar year during the specified enrollment period. Eligible members moving into or out of a HMO or Point-of-Service Plan service area may change plans within a specified period after such move to the extent permitted by the plans.

Regular part time employees are eligible for this benefit on a pro rata basis. This means, by way of example, that if a part time employees works 30 hours per week, he/she is eligible to receive 3/4 of the Board's contributive share of his/her premium cost, and the employee pays the balance. The regular part-time employee shall work a minimum of 25 hours per week in order to be eligible for this benefit.

In the event that an employee's spouse is employed by the City of Nashua, the Nashua School District, or another agency of the City, the employee shall be entitled to health insurance premium coverage either pursuant to this article or pursuant to the coverage afforded to the spouse, but not both.

Annual Audit: The city hereby agrees to conduct a yearly loss ratio analysis of all health insurance plans offered to employees and return all employee overpayments in the form of a health Insurance Premium Holiday at the completion of the analysis.

Article 22
Dental Insurance

The Board shall pay one hundred (100%) percent of the premium of a two person dental insurance program such as Delta Dental, currently in effect on the date of execution hereof. The Board reserves the right to change insurance carriers or plans, or to self insure the same. Such new plans shall offer benefits commercially available in the market and shall have overall comparability of coverage to the above referenced plans, to the extent said coverages are commercially available.

In the event that an employee's spouse is employed by the City of Nashua, the Nashua School District, or another agency of the City, the employee shall be entitled to dental insurance premium coverage either pursuant to this article or pursuant to the coverage afforded to the spouse, but not

both. Regular part-time employees are eligible for this benefit on a pro-rata basis as provided in Article 21: Health Insurance.

Article 23
Life Insurance

The Board agrees to pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premium cost of a Basic Life Insurance and AD&D for full time employees and regular part-time employees, in an amount equal to one and one half (1½) the employee's annual straight time wages, rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. Employees may purchase at their expense optional life insurance in denominations of up to three times their basic amount to a maximum of three hundred thousand ($300,000) total, basic and optional combined, subject to any eligibility or other rules, limitations or conditions prescribed by the insurer. The Board reserves the right to change life insurance providers.

Article 24
Dependent Care Assistance Program

Employees with dependents may be eligible for the Dependent Care Assistance Program as authorized by the Federal Government. The program allows a library employee up to a $5000 a year deduction from earnings without taxes (Federal, FICA) to be used for dependent care. The Board agrees to maintain this program in effect during this agreement so long as the same remains authorized in its present form by the Internal Revenue Code. Compliance with the Internal Revenue Code and any and all liability for taxation are the sole responsibility of the employee.

Article 25
Death Benefit

The beneficiary of an employee or the employee's estate shall be entitled to collect a payment at the current rate of pay the sum of the employee's vacation and compensatory time accrued until date of employee's death. The Library Director, or designee, will provide a form for the employee to designate their beneficiary(s). Change forms will be provided upon request.

Article 26
Pay Period

All employees covered under this agreement shall be paid on a weekly basis, Thursday of each week, unless a holiday falls on such day, in which case pay day will be the day prior.

Article 27
Military Service

Any full time employee covered under this Agreement who leaves to enter directly into involuntary active service in the Armed Forces of the United States is granted a military leave of absence for the anticipated length of service. A Military leave of absence entitles an employee to be reinstated to the position held, or one similar in pay and status, so long as the employee provides notice of his/her desire to resume such employment within thirty (30) days of discharge from the armed forces and the employee accepts such discharge at the earliest possible date.

Article 28
Military Reserve and National Guard Pay

Any full time employee covered under this Agreement called to serve not more than a seventeen (17) day annual training tour of duty with the National Guard or Armed Forces Reserves will be paid the difference between his or her pay for such government service and the amount of straight time earnings lost by the employee by reason of such service, based on the employee's regularly scheduled straight time rate. Such payments are to be made following the showing of satisfactory evidence of the amount of pay received for such service.

An employee covered under this Agreement called to serve duty with the National Guard or Armed Forces Reserves in the time of war or national conflict will be paid the difference between his/her pay for such government service and the amount of straight time earnings lost by the employee by reason of such service, based on the employee's regularly scheduled straight time rate. Such payments are to be made following the showing of satisfactory evidence of the amount of pay received for such service.

Article 29
Deferred Compensation

The Board will continue to offer a deferred compensation plan to all employees covered under this contract during the term hereof so long as it is authorized to do so in the present manner under the Internal Revenue Code. Deferred compensation allows the employee to defer income and the associated taxes from their paycheck, until they receive the money sometime after retirement.

Article 30
Mileage Reimbursement

Employees traveling in their own privately owned vehicle on library business will be reimbursed at the current city mileage reimbursement rate or the current Internal Revenue Service mileage reimbursement rate, whichever is higher.

Article 31
Travel

The Board shall pay all costs related to the travel it requires. Costs shall include but not be limited to: transportation cost (plane, train, automobile rental (if required), automobile at the prescribed mileage rate, etc.), meals including tax and tip, lodging (including all taxes and a five minute phone call home each night) and other reasonable miscellaneous expenses directly related to the required travel.

Article 32
Personnel File

Every employee shall be entitled to access the supervisory records and reports of competence, personal character and efficiency, and any other information which is maintained in their official personnel file. The Library Administration shall allow the employee access to their file with twenty-four (24) hours notice. Upon request the Library Administration shall copy the file for the employee. Subsequent copies will be made at cost. If the Administration places any material in the employee's personnel file, the employee shall be entitled to a copy at the time.

Article 33
Performance Evaluations

Performance evaluations shall be completed every year by the employee's direct supervisor on or before June 1st of each year.

The performance evaluation procedure requires an interview between the employee and his/her direct supervisor both of whom shall sign said evaluation. The employee shall be given a copy of the completed form and shall have the right to file a written statement pertinent thereto which shall be affixed to the form.

The purpose of performance evaluations is to analyze employee performance in relation to the mission of the Nashua Public Library. Its goal is to recognize performance and to suggest future areas of improvement. It is understood that performance evaluations are not meant to be disciplinary and as such not meant to be used by the Board, the Director or his designees as part of the Disciplinary Procedure.

The evaluation will be placed in the employee's personnel file after review by the Director or Assistant Director. An evaluation may be appealed directly to the Director or Assistant Director but will not be grievable under Article 12 of this Agreement.

An employee may have an annual salary increase withheld for unsatisfactory performance provided that the Administration has provided a reasonable notice and opportunity for the employee to improve noted deficiencies. Withholding of a salary increase shall not be arbitrary or capricious.

Article 34
Parking

Parking will be provided free of charge for all employees covered under this agreement.

Article 35
Bulletin Boards/Mail/Union Business

Bulletin Boards

The Board agrees to provide space for a suitable bulletin board in a convenient place in the Library, to be used by the Union. The Union shall limit its posting of notices and bulletins to the bulletin board. Posted materials and notices shall pertain only to union business, shall not pertain to individuals, whether union members or not, and shall not be offensive, illegal, or unprofessional. The Union agrees to maintain such bulletin boards in a neat and orderly condition. The Union bulletin board will be in the staff room in the Main Library.

Mail

Officers or officials of the Union shall have the right to reasonable use of the Library's and City's in-house mail service for correspondence related to union business.

Union Leave

The bargaining unit shall on an annual basis be granted twenty-four (24) hours of paid Union leave for the purpose of attending Union meetings, seminars or conferences. The President shall be responsible for the assignment of those days and shall notify the Director two (2) weeks prior to any such leave.

Article 36
Disciplinary Procedures

A. It is agreed that the Board has the right to discipline or discharge employees for just cause. Discipline shall be corrective in its nature and ordinarily utilized progressively. Disciplinary actions shall normally follow the order below:

1. Verbal warning (may be documented)
2. Written warnings
3. Suspensions without pay
4. Discharges

Demotion may be used for disciplinary purposes in appropriate instances. In the event of suspension, demotion, or discharge, the reasons for the action taken will be given in writing to the employee within 24 hours.

It is understood and agreed that the severity of any particular infraction may warrant deviation from the aforementioned steps, in which case progressive discipline need not be employed prior to discharge.

B. Any employee disciplined, demoted or discharged shall be entitled to the provisions of the Grievance Procedure, and will be allowed a Union representative of their choosing. If requested in writing by the employee, a hearing must be held with the Union and the Library Director within seven (7) calendar days of the discharge or suspension.

C. Provided that the employee has not had recurrence of discipline within the specified period, written warnings will be removed from the employee's personnel file after twelve (12) months upon a written request from the employee for such removal. The prior unexpired discipline is carried during the period of any subsequent equal or greater discipline and shall be considered in connection with any such subsequent discipline in determining the proper level of disciplinary action, including discharge.

D. Any discharge shall be affected in a manner consistent with the provisions of RSA 202-A, and this agreement shall be subordinate to the requirements of the statute as amended from time to time. It is understood that if RSA 202-A is amended in a way that changes the disciplinary procedure substantively that the parties to this agreement will meet and negotiate changes to this agreement that will be in compliance with law.

Article 37
Safety and Health

The Library System shall comply with all procedures pertinent to the safety and health of employees provided by New Hampshire RSA 281-A.

Effective July 1, 2006, the parties shall establish a joint labor-management committee comprised of two (2) union representatives and two (2) management representatives. The committee shall be advisory. The committee shall meet regularly to discuss issues regarding workplace safety and health concerns, provide recommendations for workplace safety and health programs and to implement and carry out workplace safety and health programs approved by the Library Board of Trustees.

Article 38
Wages

A. 1. Employees are placed in Grades according to Job Classification. Schedule A.

2. If annual wage increases and/or cost of living adjustments are granted, employees who are hired or promoted between July 1st and December 31st shall be eligible for annual wage increases and cost of living adjustments the following July 1st. Employees hired or promoted between January 1st and June 30th shall not be eligible for annual increases or cost of living adjustments until the July 1st of the following calendar year.

3. Only employees who are active employees on or after the date of signing of this collective bargaining agreement are eligible to receive annual wage increases and cost of living adjustments.

B. **Newly Hired or Promoted Employees:** Newly hired employees shall start at an appropriate wage within the hiring ranges set forth in Schedule B based upon labor grade assignment, pertinent years of experience that can be directly related to the new position's duties, as well as the wages of other Library employees in the same labor grade. Whenever the Director recommends and the Board approves payment of a new hire at a rate higher than a current employee in that grade, the Board shall provide to the Union, in writing, the relevant experience and/or relevant education of the new employee. For newly promoted employees, their new wage shall be at least 5% higher than the wage they received for their previous position. Management reserves the right to determine the number of years of directly related experience based on the information supplied by the employee and verified by Management.

C. Effective July 1, 2015 (Fiscal Year 2016):

Employees shall receive a 2.25% wage increase.

D. Effective July 1, 2016 (Fiscal Year 2017);
Employees shall receive a 2.25% wage increase.

E. Working out of Classification

An employee shall not be required to perform work assigned by the Library Director or his/her designee out of classification for a period of five (5) consecutive days or more without receiving the higher compensation. In such cases, the employee shall be paid a wage difference equal to not less than five percent (5%) of his/her annual compensation (pro-rated).

Schedule A

Grade One	Janitor
Grade Two	Custodian, Book Processor
Grade Three	Maintenance Supervisor, Security
Grade Four	Library Assistant
Grade Five	Assistant Librarian
Grade Six	Coordinator
Grade Seven	Reference Librarian
Grade Eight	Librarian

Schedule B – Hiring Ranges

FY 16

July 1, 2015 - FY2016 0.0%

Grade	Min	Max
1	$ 22,508	$ 27,877
2	$ 25,188	$ 30,651
3	$ 28,107	$ 34,639
4	$ 32,742	$ 38,729
5	$ 33,855	$ 43,299
6	$ 35,357	$ 46,148
7	$ 37,255	$ 49,578
8	$ 40,839	$ 54,346

FY 17

July 1, 2016 - FY2017 0.0%

Grade	Min	Max
1	$ 23,183	$ 28,713
2	$ 25,944	$ 31,571
3	$ 28,950	$ 35,678
4	$ 33,724	$ 39,890
5	$ 34,870	$ 44,598
6	$ 36,417	$ 47,533
7	$ 38,373	$ 51,066
8	$ 42,064	$ 55,976

Article 39
Professional Affiliations/Licensing

The Board shall bear the cost of all required licenses and/or certifications required by various regulatory agencies (local, state and federal) to maintain the employee's qualifications necessary for continued employment.

Article 40
Duration of Agreement

This Agreement between the Union and the Board is a two (2) year agreement, commencing on July 1, 2015 and expiring at midnight on June 30, 2017. A party desiring to negotiate a successor agreement hereto shall give notice to the other party at least 120 days in advance of the expiration date hereof. If such notice is given, the parties shall negotiate a successor agreement in good faith, in advance of the expiration hereof if possible, and if said successor agreement has not been executed prior to said expiration date, then the parties shall conduct themselves in accordance with the principle of "status quo," or as otherwise required by law.

Article 41
Savings Clause

If any provision of this agreement, or application of such provision, should be rendered or declared invalid by any court action or by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation, the remaining provisions of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect to the extent not inconsistent with State and Federal law.

AGREED to by and between the parties at Nashua, New Hampshire, as evidenced by the signatures of their duly authorized representatives, set forth below, this ____ day of _____, 2015.

FOR THE NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Witness

FOR THE AFT LOCAL #4831 NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY EMPLOYEES

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Witness

Approved as to form:

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Stephen M. Bennett, Esq., Corporation Counsel
Office of Corporation Counsel - City of Nashua, New Hampshire

APPENDIX A

NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY EMPLOYEES- LOCAL 4831

PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION

Effective Date _____

_____ _____ _____

Last Name (Please Print) | First Name | Middle Initial

_____ _____

Street Address | City/Town

_____ _____

State | Zip Code

_____

Mailing Address (if different)

_____ _____

Home Phone Number | Home Email

_____ _____

Library Branch/Department | Job Title

Nashua Public Library Employees Local #4831, Federation of Public Employees

I hereby authorize you, according to arrangements agreed upon with the above organization, to deduct from my salary and transmit to said organization, dues as certified by said organization. I hereby waive all right and claim to said moneys so deducted and transmitted in accordance with this authorization, and relieve the Board of Trustees and all its officers from any liability therefore. I revoke any and all instruments heretofore made by me for such purposes while I am employed in the Public Library System, or until revoked by me in writing within fifteen (15) days after my anniversary date by delivering said written revocation to the Human Resources/ Payroll Department and the Union.

_____ _____

Member's Signature | Dated

Dues paid to the Nashua Public Library Employees Local #4831, FPE/AFT, may not be deductible for federal income tax purposes; however, under limited circumstances, dues may qualify as a business expense.

APPENDIX B

GRIEVANCE

Aggrieved Employee _____

Department _____ Date _____

Contract Provision Violated _____

Date Violation Occurred _____

Facts/Nature of Grievance _____

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Adjustment / Relief Requested

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Employee Signature Union Representative

Step II - Library Director or Designee:

Date submitted to Library Director or designee _____
(must be within 15 working days of the date of violation above)

Director or Designee's Response

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Date of Response _____ (must be within five (5) working days of receipt)

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Director or Designee's Signature

(If dissatisfied with director or designee's response, the Union must appeal to the Board of Trustees within five (5) working days of the date of response)

APPENDIX C

SICK LEAVE BANK OPERATIONAL RULES

The purpose of the Sick Leave Bank as provided for in the contract between the Union and Library Board of Trustees is to offer income protection to contributing members who must be absent because of prolonged or continuing illness beyond their control, or incapacitating accident.

1. To be eligible to withdraw from the bank, an employee must be enrolled as a donor.
2. An eligible member is entitled to a maximum of 15 prorated sick days, plus 2 prorated sick days for each prorated sick day donated.

Examples:

a) A 25 hr/week employee donates 2 days (or 2 x 5 = 10 hrs.) to the bank. He/she is entitled to a maximum of 15 + (2 x 2) = 19 days (or 19 x 5 = 95 hours).

b) A 30 hr/week employee donates 5 days (or 5 x 6 = 30 hrs) to the bank. He/she is entitled to a maximum of 15 + (2 x 5) = 25 days (or 25 x 6 = 150 hrs).

c) A 40 hr/week employee donates 10 days (10 x 8 = 80 hrs) to the bank. He/she is entitled to a maximum of 10 + (2 x 10) = 30 days (or 30 x 8=360 hrs).

3. An eligible member requesting sick leave time from the bank must have exhausted his/her normal sick leave time, at which point he/she must fill out an application for withdrawal, to be obtained in the Administration Office.

4. The Sick Leave Bank committee shall render a decision on an application for withdrawal within ten (10) working days of the date all medical documentation and information requested by the Committee has been submitted. All decisions by the Sick Bank committee shall be final and not subject to the grievance procedure.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION: R-15-147

PURPOSE: **Approving the cost items of a collective bargaining agreement between the Nashua Public Library Board of Trustees and the Nashua Public Library Employees AFT, FPE, Local #4831 from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.**

SPONSOR(S): **Alderman June M. Caron**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

FISCAL NOTE: **The cost analysis is attached.**

ANALYSIS

This resolution approves the cost items of a collective bargaining agreement between the Nashua Public Library Board of Trustees and the Nashua Public Library Employees, AFT, FPE, Local #4831. The Agreement has a term of two years, from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. The Board of Aldermen must vote whether or not to approve the cost items of this contract within thirty (30) days of receipt. RSA 273-A:3 II (c).

Approved as to form: **Office of Corporation Counsel**

By: _____

Date: 6/17/15

AMENDED
R-15-147

RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY EMPLOYEES, AFT, FPE, LOCAL #4831 FROM JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 AND AUTHORIZING RELATED TRANSFERS

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen

RESOLVED *by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua* that the cost items of the attached collective bargaining agreement between the Nashua Public Library Board of Trustees and the Nashua Public Library Employees, AFT, FPE, Local #4831 are approved. The collective bargaining agreement covers the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

In addition, this resolution authorizes the transfer of $26,770 from Department 194 "Contingency", Account #70150 "Contingency for Negotiations" into Department 179, "Library Department", Account #51900 "Budget Adjustments" for the purpose of funding FY2016 base salary adjustments contained in the agreement.