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STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION )

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction and custodian of the official records of said department, do hereby certify that the annexed rules relating to public librarian certification were duly approved and adopted by this department on the first day of the month following its publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this department and the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the department at 126 Langdon Street in the city of Madison, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D., 1979.

*Barbara Thompson*  
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State Superintendent  
State Department of Public Instruction

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
ADOPTING RULES

Pursuant to the authority vested in the State Superintendent of Public Instruction by Sections 43.09 and 115.28(7), the State of Wisconsin, Department of Public Instruction, hereby adopts rules as follows:

That PI 6.03 is repealed and recreated to read:

PI 6.03 Public Librarian Certification. (1) In this section:

- (a) "Administrator" means the head librarian or other person appointed by a library board under sec. 43.58(4), Stats., or by a library system board under 43.17(4), Stats., to direct and administer the library or system.
- (b) "Municipality" shall have the meaning set forth in sec. 43.001(4), Stats., and shall include a public library system established under sec. 43.19 or sec. 43.21, Stats.

(2) Administrators employed by a public library system, county library system or any municipal public library except in a city of the first class supported in whole or in part by public funds, shall hold certification as described in this section. The certification level for other individuals on the library staff may be determined by each individual library board. Applications for librarian certificates under this section shall be made in writing to the division.

(3) The following requirements and grades of certification are established:

- (a) *Grade I.* Administrators of public libraries in municipalities with a population of 8,000 or more and administrators of public library systems and county library systems shall hold Grade I certificates. Grade I certificates shall be granted to applicants holding both a

Bachelor's degree from a college or university approved by an accrediting association of more than statewide standing and a fifth year degree from a library school program accredited by the American Library Association. An applicant holding a fifth year degree from an unaccredited library school program may be granted a Grade I certificate if the division is satisfied that the program leading to that degree is substantially equivalent and the applicant's professional experience is demonstrative of the ability to provide professional library services.

- (b) *Grade II.* Administrators of public libraries in municipalities with a population of between 4,000 and 7,999 persons shall hold at least Grade II certificates. Grade II certificates shall be granted to applicants holding a bachelor's degree from a college or university approved by an accrediting association of more than statewide standing, including or supplemented by successfully completed courses in public library administration, selection of all types of library materials, organization of library materials and reference and information services.
- (c) *Grade III.* Administrators of public libraries in municipalities with a population of between 2,000 and 3,999 persons shall hold at least Grade III certificates. Grade III certificates shall be granted to applicants having successfully completed two years of study in a college or technical institution with courses in liberal arts and science or equivalent and the University Extension Directed Home-Study Course: Library Management for Public Librarians or equivalent coursework approved by the division.

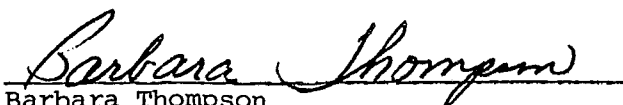
(d) *Grade IV.* Effective January 1, 1982, administrators of public libraries in municipalities with a population under 2,000 persons shall hold at least Grade IV certificates. Grade IV certificates shall be granted to applicants who hold a high school diploma or equivalent and have successfully completed the University of Wisconsin Extension Directed Home-Study Course: Basic Library Management for Public Librarians or equivalent coursework approved by the division.

(4) All certificates shall be granted for five-year periods. Certificates granted under previous certification rules shall continue to be valid.

(5) Certificates may be renewed upon evidence which satisfies the division that the holder has participated in continuing education in librarianship which is either directly related to the position held or will permit advancement in the profession. In system areas the applicable public library system, and in non-system areas the municipal library shall assist in determination of requirements for continuing education and validate records submitted evidencing a renewal applicant's participation in continuing education under this subsection.

(6) If the division finds that a library board subject to this section is unable to secure a librarian who holds the requisite certification, the division may grant a permit to employ a person without the required certificate for a period not exceeding one year and such permit, in case of emergency, may be renewed for a period of one year upon a showing that the individual employed under that permit has made substantial progress toward compliance with the educational prerequisites for the applicable grade of certification.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1979.

  
Barbara Thompson  
State Superintendent