



## City Libraries Survey

### Welcome to the RAILS City Libraries Survey

Thank you for taking the time to share insight on your library's situation and relationship with your municipality. The information you share is valuable to RAILS and will inform how we offer support to our members. Your responses will be reviewed and summarized results will be shared back with the survey participants. We anticipate sending this survey out in the future to monitor changes in the landscape of city libraries.



1. Does your library have an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the city? If so, what does the IGA include? Please describe your situation and include anything related to sharing of buildings, property services, or other operations.

2. How do you feel about the current situation?

*Please select a point on the scale below.*

**Very uncomfortable**                      **Neutral**                      **Very comfortable**



3. Does your library have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the city? If so, what does the MOU include? Please describe your situation and any shared responsibilities involved.

4. How do you feel about the current situation?

*Please select a point on the scale below.*

**Very uncomfortable**                      **Neutral**                      **Very comfortable**



5. Does your municipality share their home-rule power with the library? Please describe your situation.

6. How do you feel about the current situation?

*Please select a point on the scale below.*

**Very uncomfortable**                      **Neutral**                      **Very comfortable**



7. Does the city include you in the budget hearings? Please describe your situation.

8. How do you feel about the current situation?

*Please select a point on the scale below.*

**Very uncomfortable**                      **Neutral**                      **Very comfortable**



9. Who pays your employees? Please describe your situation.

10. How do you feel about the current situation?

*Please select a point on the scale below.*

**Very uncomfortable**                      **Neutral**                      **Very comfortable**     

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11. Does the library have insurance independent of the city? Why or why not?  
Please describe your situation.

12. How do you feel about the current situation?

*Please select a point on the scale below.*

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13. What kind of access to an attorney do you have? Your own? Shared with the city? Multiple for different purposes? Please describe your situation.

14. How do you feel about the current situation?

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15. Would your library support extension of the trustee vacancy act to municipal libraries? Why or why not? Please describe your situation.

16. How do you feel about the current situation?

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**Very uncomfortable**                      **Neutral**                      **Very comfortable**



17. What is the process for appointing new board members? Do they require a city council vote? Please describe your situation.

18. How do you feel about the current situation?

*Please select a point on the scale below.*

**Very uncomfortable**                      **Neutral**                      **Very comfortable**



19. Please share any other comments or describe unique situations your library has with the city government.

20. How do you feel **overall** about the library's relationship with the city?  
*Please select a point on the scale below.*

**Very uncomfortable**                      **Neutral**                      **Very comfortable**