

FY08, FY09, and FY10 MARLS Cooperative Extension Updates

5/12/09 - **Some good news! The MARLS Statewide Purchasing Cooperative will remain in effect through June of 2010.**

The vendors of library materials and supplies have agreed to continue extending their excellent discounts and services to participating libraries for another year. These discounts help stretch library budgets in these difficult times. Technical services staff at libraries do not need to change their ordering procedures for at least another year.

During FY10, the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System, with assistance from the other Regions, will begin working on a brand new, even more comprehensive, statewide bid to go into effect in July of 2010.

For details on the MARLS program, please visit the Western Region's MARLS website at <http://www.wmrls.org/coop/index.html>. FYI, we notify participating libraries about any Coop news, clarifications and changed contact information through the statewide "allregions" email distribution list, and also note them in the "Updates" section of the MARLS website.

We hope you continue to enjoy the Cooperative for FY10. It is one of the many benefits of your library's membership in one of the 6 Regional Library Systems.

5/11/09 – BWI contact information. Please see our web site for updated contact information - <http://www.wmrls.org/coop/fy08/FY-08-09-Materials-Vendor-Ordering-Info.pdf>

5/11/09 – Tandem Library Group. This company no longer is in business. This group had the tertiary bid for Category 11 – Juvenile Library Binding in the Materials section of the coop.

5-11-09 - Stanger Litho Graphics, Inc. – **NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER**. When placing orders with Stanger please be sure to call the following new telephone number: (630) 951-7400. Stanger is in the midst of moving to Arizona. Once they have completed there move we will update all of their information.

2/6/09 – Dear MARLS Coop participants, Reliance has made a change to their Bar Code Label. The following are the changes:

OLD INFORMATION – Single Labels, 2" x 5/8", PHOTOCOMP, MATTE LAMINATE, 2MIL. ADHESIVE, ON 11" X 13 ½" SHEETS, 100 LABELS PER SHEET, EYE READABLE STRIP, LIBRARY NAME OVER BARCODE

**NEW INFORMATION - SINGLE LABELS, 2' X 5/8", DIGITAL/OFFSET, MATTE LAMINATE, 2MIL. ADHESIVE, ON 11" X 8 1/2" SHEETS, 60 LABELS PER SHEET, EYE READABLE STRIP, LIBRARY NAME OVER BARCODE**

OLD INFORMATION - DOUBLE LABELS, 2" X 1". PHOTOCOMP, MATTE LAMINATE, 2MIL. ADHESIVE, ON 8 1/2" X 11" SHEETS, 40 LABELS PER SHEET, EYE READABLE STRIP, LIBRARY NAME OVER BARCODE

**NEW INFORMATION - DOUBLE LABELS, 2" X .861". DIGITAL/OFFSET, MATTE LAMINATE, 2MIL. ADHESIVE, ON 8 1/2" X 11" SHEETS, 45 LABEL SETS PER SHEET, EYE READABLE STRIP, LIBRARY NAME OVER BARCODE**

The bolded wording is where the changes were made.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please call/email Diane Peterson at Reliance Label Solutions, Inc. 866-749-1555 Toll Free or e-mail: [dpeterson@reliancelabel.com](mailto:dpeterson@reliancelabel.com)

1/27/09 - Dear Libraries Participating in the Statewide MARLS Purchasing Cooperative: With budget cuts forecast for many libraries, we are getting questions about whether libraries can continue to be part of the MARLS Cooperative if they are not able to spend as much on materials and supplies as they had originally pledged.

The specifications for the MARLS Coop state:

"The Cooperative reserves the right to spend more or less than its budgeted amount during the purchasing period, although each library should make a good faith effort to spend at least 75% of the amount pledged. It is understood that the amounts pledged for each year are subject to local and state appropriation and are not binding."  
<http://www.wmrls.org/coop/fy08/specsummaries.pdf>

So, there is some "wobble room" in the MARLS Coop if your local materials and supply budgets are cut, which may be unavoidable in the current fiscal environment.

Good Luck!

7-1-08 The FY08 MARLS Coop has been extended for another year. Prices are now good through June 2009.

7/23/08 – Archival Products and The Shopper have decided to drop out of the MARLS Coop. All products that they had bid on have now been changed to no bid on the supply list.

7/25/08 - When placing orders for the first time with W.B. Mason, please contact Bob Doucette at 888-926-2766 ext. 1103. This will ensure that your account is set up properly for the MARLS Coop.

7/25/08 - When calling to place an order please be sure to tell the company that you are ordering under the MARLS Coop.

If you have any questions please let me know. For a complete up-to-the-minute list of supplies on the MARLS Cooperative please visit our website

<http://www.wmrls.org/coop/index.html>