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Date: March 11, 2019
To: Rapid City Public Library Board
From: Pat Jones, Policy Committee Chair
Re: Reciprocal Borrowing MOU

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From: Terri Davis, Director
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Motion: Move to approve the Reciprocal Borrowing MOU for a five-month pilot project with the Sturgis Public Library.

Background: The reciprocal borrowing project is intended to minimize staff intervention in library resource sharing as well as improving library access for patrons who frequently travel or commute. Sharing materials between libraries is an established practice, which is generally accomplished through inter-library loan; the practice has been codified by the American Library Association, and is a requirement for library accreditation.

Per previous discussions, an agreement for reciprocal borrowing with the Sturgis library will also allow for seamless service to Ellsworth personnel who live in Meade County.

This pilot project will be analyzed to determine use and interest in the service, if the project will be recommended for continuation after the pilot period, and if so, with what accesses or limitations.

The Sturgis library board approved the attached MOU on February 27. Information about the pilot project was shared with the Pennington County Commission through their Department Manager.