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Date: January 22, 2020
To: Rapid City Public Library Board
From: Pat Jones, Policy Committee Chair
Re: Computer Use Policy

Date: January 14, 2020
To: Pat Jones, Policy Committee Chair
From: Sean Minkel, Assistant Library Director
Re: Computer Use Policy

Motion: Move to approve updates to the Computer Use Policy as presented.

Background: The Computer Use policy describes the access requirements, time limits and terms of use for computers and internet within the library.

The primary change to the Computer Use Policy is the addition of a 3-hour per day limit on computer use. During the busiest hours of the day, it is common for all of the computers to be in use. While patrons are encouraged to reserve the next available time slot, many choose not to do so. This leads to situations where a few patrons spend the entire day on a computer while other patrons are discouraged from using library services. By adding a 3-hour time limit, more of the computers will be available for immediate use.

In addition, the section on bypassing the internet filter has been removed; while we were once able to remove filters on a case by case basis, we can no longer do so due to changed filtering software from City IT. When internet filters were first implemented, there was a concern that patrons may be blocked from accessing reasonable research information; however, restriction of access has not been an issue.