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Date: May 11, 2020
To: Rapid City Public Library Board
From: Pat Jones, Policy Committee Chair
Re: Behavior Policy

Date: May 5, 2020
To: Pat Jones, Policy Committee Chair
From: Sean Minkel, Assistant Library Director
Re: Behavior Policy

Motion: Move to approve updates to the Behavior Policy as presented.

Background: The Behavior Policy defines the standards of conduct and behavior that are expected and will be enforced on library premises.

The following changes to the policy have been made to improve safety and security during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, and are also intended to address future safety concerns:

1. Clarification that the public may also contact law enforcement when needed.
 - a. While this has always been the case, reinforcement through a policy statement may be helpful
2. A requirement for adherence to posted safety and security requirements. This will allow the library to post information on social distancing, limited seating, one-way aisles, use of facial coverings, etc. during the pandemic, but will also be useful when responding to future issues.
3. Discouraging patrons from using designated areas of the library as a gathering place in order to maintain social distancing. This is a change to policy that is intended to be temporary while safety requirements are in place for Covid-19 and can be removed in the future to align with the public's expectations for library services.

All other changes are to clarify or simplify existing language.