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Date: November 9, 2020
To: Rapid City Public Library Board
From: Judy Sneller, Policy Committee Chair
Re: Reciprocal Borrowing with Sturgis

Date: November 2, 2020
To: Judy Sneller, Policy Committee Chair
From: Sean Minkel, Assistant Director
Re: Reciprocal Borrowing with Sturgis

Motion: Move to continue the reciprocal borrowing program with Sturgis for an unlimited time period, with a 90-day termination clause.

Background: Beginning in April 2019, Rapid City Public Library and Sturgis Public Library entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to provide reciprocal library services, whereby borrower's cards in good standing from one library will be accepted at the other library. This reciprocal configuration is made possible by the shared system used throughout the Black Hills Library Consortium. The initial 5-month pilot of this MOU ended on August 31, 2019. After review that showed significant benefit to library users and little to no impact to library staff or collections, that agreement was continued until December 31, 2020.

As of the end of September 2020, 128 Sturgis card holders have checked out almost 3,900 items directly at the Rapid City library. The seamlessness of the service is appreciated by library users, and there continues to be minimal impact to the collections or staffs of the two libraries. In addition, it allows our library to serve Ellsworth personnel and their families who live in Meade County. Therefore, the recommendation is to continue the agreement on an ongoing basis, while allowing for a future termination if situations change.