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Date: December 13, 2021
To: Rapid City Public Library Board
From: Emily Tupa, Policy Committee Chair
Re: FE Technologies Contract

Date: December 6, 2021
To: Emily Tupa, Policy Committee Chair
From: Sean Minkel, Assistant Library Director
Re: FE Technologies Contract

Motion: Move to approve a contract with FE Technologies for purchase of replacement security gates and self-check kiosks, in the amount of \$32,371 plus \$2,721 annually for licenses and support.

Background:

The library's security gates provide entry counts and sound an alarm when items are removed from the library without being checked out. Self-check kiosks are used by patrons to review their accounts and check out materials. By providing self-service kiosks, the staffed service points are available for patrons requiring lengthier assistance.

These items are in the technology replacement schedule, but have been deferred a number of times. Multiple quotes were obtained and FE Technologies provided the best options at the lowest cost.



The new security gates will not have a central pillar which will streamline entrance and exit of the building while lining up with the library's new doors. In addition, the system will alert staff to the specific item that has set off an alarm; this functionality is not available with the current hardware.

The new self-check kiosks are designed to be ADA compliant, do not require a separate library computer, and provide visual indications to staff when a patron has run into problems. The scanners are also able to read barcodes from of phone screens which could streamline checkout for patrons in the future.

The contract with FE Technologies has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office. The costs are in the library budget.

