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Date: July 11, 2022
To: Rapid City Public Library Board
From: Emily Tupa, Policy Committee Chair
Re: Genealogy Agreement

Date: July 5, 2022
To: Emily Tupa, Policy Committee Chair
From: Terri Davis, Library Director
Re: Genealogy Agreement

Motion: Move to approve a revised agreement with the Rapid City Society for Genealogical Research as presented.

Background: An agreement between the library and the Rapid City Society for Genealogical Research (RCSGR) has existed since 2005. It was revised in 2020 to better reflect current use of print genealogical research materials and the space needs for the library. Since that revision, the agreement has been working well for both parties.

The recommended revisions include:

- Changing the agreement to be ongoing, with a 90-day termination clause from either party
- Changing the annual reporting requirement to be a written report submitted to the respective boards

In 2019, the genealogy collection data showed that 1.92% of its titles were browsed. The increase to 9.24% of its collection browsed demonstrates that the reduction in the overall collection size has benefited genealogical researchers and library users. However, the genealogy collection is still the lowest-use collection in the library.

Collection	Size	Times Browsed	Titles Used	% of Titles Browsed
Genealogy	974	126	90	9.24%
Drama	189	43	31	16.40%
Transportation	181	53	39	21.55%
Humor	487	164	107	21.97%
Poetry	426	136	94	22.07%
Biography	3826	1799	1018	26.61%
Language Arts	964	412	259	26.87%
Animals	891	431	252	28.28%
Language	267	111	79	29.59%
Education	485	274	150	30.93%
Family & Relationships	698	351	218	31.23%
Technology	394	163	125	31.73%
Business & Economics	1392	744	446	32.04%
Social Science	1371	742	440	32.09%
Political Science	957	498	318	33.23%
Religion	2018	1095	676	33.50%
Performing Arts	417	231	141	33.81%
Art	677	365	234	34.56%
Sports & Recreation	662	344	232	35.05%
Home	1110	686	391	35.23%
History	2829	1514	999	35.31%
Music	382	217	136	35.60%
Food & Drink	1591	1072	581	36.52%
Crafts & Hobbies	1355	821	504	37.20%
Beauty & Fashion	288	156	108	37.50%
Health & Fitness	1234	874	478	38.74%
Games	463	299	184	39.74%
True Crime	527	367	212	40.23%
Self Help	1232	909	513	41.64%
Graphic Novel	2343	1714	1011	43.15%
Math & Science	802	518	348	43.39%
Travel	690	490	304	44.06%
Nature	416	319	194	46.63%