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Date: August 14, 2023
To: RCPL Board of Trustees
From: Sean Minkel, Assistant Library Director
Re: Computer Use Policy

Motion: Move to approve changes 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 main change to the policy increases the amount of time patrons may use the public computers to 90 minutes, with an opportunity for time extensions if no other patrons are waiting. Management will monitor the use of public computers at this limit, and may increase it in the future as long as there are no negative impacts on wait times.

This change is possible because the library offers other methods of internet and computer access: laptops are available for use in the building, wi-fi is available throughout the library block, and wi-fi hotspots are available for checkout. Over the last 6 months, the use rate for the public computers has averaged 30%, which demonstrates that there is room to expand this resource.