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Date: August 14, 2023
To: RCPL Board of Trustees
From: Sean Minkel, Assistant Library Director
Re: Rules of Conduct

Motion: Move to approve changes to the Rules of Conduct as presented.

Background: The Rules of Conduct define the standards of behavior expected on library property, how failing to abide by those expectations may result in suspension from library services, and how to appeal such suspensions.

The primary change to the policy is the addition of social media terms of use, which were adapted from those used by the City; terms of use for the library's social media accounts already exist, but those were tailored to the specific circumstances of the library.

The revised terms of use state that the library's social media is a moderated online discussion and not a public forum, they clarify the purpose of the library's social media, provide examples of unacceptable use, and express that any comments added by users are not the opinions or position of the library or any staff member. If approved, the updated terms of use will be posted on all the library's social media sites.

By approving the updated terms of use, the library will be able to better respond to inappropriate comments, up to and including suspending the privileges of individuals to post to the library's moderated online discussions.