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Date: October 21, 2024
To: Rapid City Public Library Board
From: Terri Davis, Library Director
Re: Policy Updates

Motion: Move to approve revisions to the Collection Development, Computer Use, and Registration policies as presented and adopt a new Minors' Access of Library Materials Policy.

Background: In the 2024 legislative session, HB 1197 was approved, resulting in [SDCL 22-24-56](#). This legislation requires the publication of measures taken to restrict the access of obscene materials by minors; libraries were given until January 1, 2025 to come into compliance.

In consultation with the City Attorney's Office and the South Dakota State Library, policies were reviewed to ensure compliance with this law. As a result of that review, three policies are recommended for revisions; one new policy is recommended to meet the letter of the law:

A final change, not related to the new law, is a new category in the registration policy to allow current Ellsworth personnel and their spouses to obtain a library account, using their current military ID as verification.

Collection Development Policy

- An introductory paragraph was added, based on conversations among directors of the major public libraries in the state
- Parents' responsibility for their minor children was clarified
- Clarification was added to the reconsideration statement

Computer Use Policy

- Parents' responsibility for their minor children was clarified
- An increase of use time for Rapid Access Computers is recommended, based on data and observations of their use
- Other changes for clarification and to remove redundancy

Minors' Access of Library Materials Policy

- New policy to ensure compliance with the law
- Policy essentially restates aspects from other policies

Registration Policy

- Parents' responsibility for their minor children was clarified
- Computer Access Accounts will now require a parent's or guardian's signature
- Other changes for clarification
- Addition of a category for Ellsworth personnel