



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Jessica Hudson, County Librarian
Date: April 21, 2015

Subject: Amendment to Library Patron Conduct Policy and Adoption of Suspension Policy

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE the amended Library Patron Conduct Policy and ADOPT Suspension policy, as recommended by the County Librarian.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

The Contra Costa County Public Library seeks to provide materials and services to the public in an environment that is safe, pleasant and conducive to comfortable library use. No one may engage in conduct that interferes with anyone else's ability or right to use and benefit from library facilities. Anyone who engages in behavior that disrupts someone else's use of the library may be asked to leave the library.

To ensure that all library visitors have a pleasant, productive and safe experiences, all library visitors are required to adhere to the current Library Standards of Behavior, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2009 (Resolution No. 2009/354). As use of the library grows and changes, the Library sees the need to update the current Standards of Behavior to

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/21/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III
Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 21, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

ABSENT: Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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further clarify and define acceptable and unacceptable uses of library facilities, materials, and services as well as adopting a Suspension Policy for when library users are unable to follow the Patron Conduct Policy. The Patron Conduct Policy includes two additional documents, the Children's/Teen Area Policy and the Unattended Children Policy, to further clarify for library users and staff the use of library spaces, materials, and services.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, the Library will continue to use the current Standards of Behavior, which do not adequately define the types of behaviors that are disallowed in library facilities.

Additionally, the Library will not have an adopted Suspension Policy, which will impede staff from removing library visitors that do not follow the current Standards of Behavior, creating unwelcoming and unusable environments for some library users.

ATTACHMENTS

Suspension Policy

Children's/Teen Area Policy

Unattended Children Policy

Patron Conduct Policy