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Updated Policies for November Commission Meeting

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Hi John,

Attached are the updated policies for the Commission meeting. The changes required by the state were as follows and have been now been made and then approved by the state:

Program Policy:

- Missing the following statutory language
 - Includes language that library programs should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all residents.
 - Includes language that library programs should represent a wide range of varied and diverging viewpoints.
 - Includes language that library programs provide access to content that is relevant to the research, independent interests and educational needs of residents.
 - Includes language that the importance of programs as a resource for voluntary inquiry and the dissemination of information and ideas and to promote free expression and free access to ideas by residents.

Material Review and Reconsideration Policy

- Needs to include the following statutory language that is bolded: Require that any library material being challenged remain available in the library according to its catalog record and be available for a resident to reserve, check out or access until a final decision is **made by the library director.**
- Needs to include the following statutory language that is bolded: Mentions that any library or staff member of a public library who, in good faith, implements the policies described in this section shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise **be incurred or imposed and shall have the same immunity with respect to any judicial proceeding that results from such implementation.**

Additionally, Barbara G. at the State Library noted the need for adoption dates which are now included.

Sincerely,

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