



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Approve and Authorize the County Library Director and or Designee to implement revisions to Board Policy G-130, Library Behavior Policy for Monterey County Free Libraries, effective upon Board of Supervisors review and approval.

RECOMMENDATION/SUMMARY:

Approve and Authorize the County Library Director and or Designee to implement revisions to Board Policy G-130, Library Behavior Policy for Monterey County Free Libraries, effective upon Board of Supervisors review and approval.

DISCUSSION:

Board Policy G-130 governs behavior rules in the County libraries. This Policy is of crucial importance to the Monterey County Free Libraries, enabling the Department to provide a welcoming, safe, and pleasant environment for the community. The protection of individuals, the ability to conduct Library business, and preservation of rights are all factors in developing and implementing a Behavior Policy that governs use of our shared public spaces.

The assessment from the Library Department Executive Team was that in general, the current policy and processes were serving the public well. The Policy enables repeat or significant violators to be restricted from use of the facilities. If someone is restricted from use of one or more branch libraries, options for fulfilling needs include Library By Mail, wireless access outside the libraries, and curbside service.

Revisions include updated language regarding service animals as the law has changed; modifications regarding clothing in the library; modifications regarding personal odor; removal of language where changes in law has superseded the need for Policy; and updating use of pronouns throughout for more inclusivity.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Library Behavior Policy Revision.

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FINANCING:

This Board Policy revision does not involve financial terms, and has no impact on the General Fund. There is minor operational impact to the Library Department budget for printing new posters, notices, and applicable forms.

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Attachments:

Revised Board Policy G-130 Library Behavior

Current Board Policy G-130 Library Behavior