

## Notice of Library Policies in compliance to HR1197

It was established by the 2024 South Dakota Legislature that Codified Law 22-24-56 be amended which would require public libraries to:

- 1) Equip each public access computer with software that will limit minors' ability to gain access to obscene matter or material, as defined by 22-24-27 (11), or purchase internet connectivity from an internet service provider that provides filter service to limit access to obscene material; and
- 2) Develop, implement, and publish by January 1, 2025, a local policy that establishes measures to restrict minors from accessing obscene matter or materials.

To comply with South Dakota State Law, the Grant County Public Library includes the following policies in the GCPL Policy Manual in the following sections:

### 1. Internet Policy Section:

- (a) Members of the Library staff shall supervise and monitor the appropriate usage of library computers and access to the Internet on those computers in accordance with library policy and the Children's Internet Protection Act. [18 US code 2251-2260A] [Pub L No 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)] [18 us code chapter 71 1460-1470]
- (b) The library is a public place with children present and does NOT allow the display of depictions that are defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act. (CIPA) In compliance with CIPA, the library utilizes a filtering service protection measure that blocks access to images deemed (a) obscene; (b) child pornography; or (c) harmful to minors.

### 2. Collection Development Policy Section:

- (a) The Grant County Public Library does not collect materials found to violate SD Codified Law 22-24-27 (11) and follows guidelines set in the manual's Collection Development Policy when selecting library materials.

### 3. Access Policy Section:

- (a) The Grant County Library supports the right of all members of the community to have free and equal access to the entire range of library resources, regardless of content, approach, format or amount of detail.
- (b) The Grant County Public Library upholds and affirms the right of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected materials and also affirms the right and responsibility of parents to determine and monitor their children's use of library materials and resources.
- (c) The Grant County Public Library cautions parents and caregivers that the library and its available resources may contain materials some may find offensive, not aligning with personal and family values.

### 4. Child Safety Section:

- (a) Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a parent or a caregiver over the age of 14. Library staff cannot be responsible for the supervision of children in the library.
- (b) Parents or adult caregivers must assume responsibility for their children's access to and use of library resources, including internet usage, eBooks, audiobooks and other online resources.

Full Policy Manual available in the Grant County Public Library  
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