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Fremont County Library Board
Carrie Johnson, Chair

Library Board:

The Fremont County Commission communicated to you on August 22, 2023 that we wanted follow up on several issues brought to our attention. From what we can tell, you have put in place a Meeting Room Policy and have updated your Materials Review Policy. We have not heard back whether you have addressed Board Communication Policy or whether you issued any formal communication to the Director about her use of labeling. If you have addressed these issues, please inform us.

In addition to the issues just mentioned, we have other concerns we would like you to address as follows:

1. In the Materials Review Policy, we do support the idea that patrons should have read the entire material before asking for a review. In the event that the patron is not satisfied with the Director's review, and asks for Board review, we also believe that the Library Board members should have to read the entire material as well. In the recent votes for reviewing "Tricks" and "Smoke", only two of the Board members read the material completely. Deferring to the Director should not be the only option. This should be corrected in the Policy. In this day and age, we believe in the public involvement and reading the material completely should be a requirement. That being said, we are not interested in seeing a downloaded list of materials from national organizations to be reviewed. Each book should be reviewed by local people within Fremont County. The materials review process should represent local values. We want each material being reviewed to be pulled from circulation during the review process. The form used to request material review needs to be user friendly (i.e. read-write form on Word that can be filled out on-line). The form should be reviewed and approved by the Library Board.
2. We also believe guidance for the Director and the Board should be developed within the Review Policy to depict what criteria is to be used in performing a review. Something needs to be in the Policy to

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address age appropriateness of materials as well. The catch all phrase of “pornography” does not cut it.

3. Is the Teen section of the library from 13 to 18 years of age? In the question of “age appropriate material”, is a 13-year old the same as an 18-year old? While the Commission is not passing judgement whether these materials are pornography or not, we do question age appropriateness and where the materials belong within the library system. We would like you to review age brackets when determining where materials belong.
4. We have heard discussion regarding filtering of children’s computers and that the Library Board voted to implement the filtering. It is still not done. We want this complete by May 1, 2024.
5. We have witnessed inappropriate behaviors from the Board Chair, and members of the Library Board. This must stop.

If we don’t see the issues listed above addressed by the end of the May Library Board meeting, we will be forced to remove the Chair and place Commissioner Mike Jones on the Library Board for a few months to ensure these policies and concerns are addressed.


Please give these issues the highest priority.

Sincerely,

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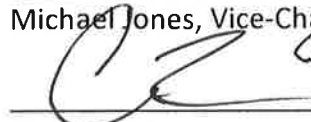
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