

Policy for Protecting Children from Harmful, Sexually Explicit Material in Areas Designated for Minors

It shall be the goal of the Pamunkey Regional Library, through its collections policies in areas designated for minors, to meet the educational, informational, and recreational needs of the community, especially its children. In curating its collection in the children's and young adult sections, to ensure that inappropriate materials are not placed there, the Pamunkey Regional Library Board of Trustees has determined that while materials that depict sex acts or sexually explicit or graphic materials may be appropriate within adult sections of the Library, placing or maintaining these materials within the children and young adult sections is potentially harmful to minors. The goal of this policy is to ensure the appropriate placement of materials in Library facilities.

The term "sex act" or "sexual activity" is defined as any of the following:

1. Penetration of the penis into the vagina or anus.
2. Contact between the mouth and genitalia or mouth and anus or by contact between the genitalia of one person or the genitalia or anus of another person.
3. Contact between the finger, hand, or other body part of one person or the genitalia or anus of another person, except in the course of examination or treatment by a person medically licensed.
4. Ejaculation or orgasm.
5. The use of artificial sex organs or substitutes in contact with genitalia or anus.
6. The touching of another person's genitals or anus with a finger, hand, or artificial sex organ or other similar device at the direction of another person.

To improve the experience of children who visit the Library and conform the entirety of the Library's collections in the children's and young adult sections to age-appropriate standards, including those outlined in the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) set forth at 20 U.S.C. § 9134 and 47 U.S.C. § 254:

- (1) The Library Director shall ensure that, in developing the Library's collections for minors, no materials added to the children's and young adult sections of the library's collections shall depict sexually suggestive nudity or sexual conduct, sexual excitement, sexual battery, bestiality, or sadomasochistic abuse, or contain

explicit or detailed descriptions or narrative accounts of sexual excitement or sexual conduct, which exhibits sex acts as previously defined or which is otherwise harmful to minors as defined by CIPA.

(2) Constitutionally protected materials of the type identified in paragraph (1) remain available to adults but must be placed such that these materials are not accessible to minors.

(3) The Library Director shall report to the Library Board regularly, but no less often than once every three months, regarding the Library's compliance with this policy.

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