

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 22, 2024

PREPARED BY: Shannon Vonnegut, Assistant Director of Library Services

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LIBRARY SERVICES' INTERNET USE
AND PROHIBITION ON YOUTH BULLYING POLICIES

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING LIBRARY SERVICES' INTERNET USE AND PROHIBITION ON YOUTH BULLYING POLICIES."

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The City has assumed local library services from the County of Riverside and its library operator LSS, with operations beginning on July 1, 2024. In preparation for this, the City Council needs to adopt the policies of the library to commence operations.

In order to ensure the effective delivery of service and to provide full access to library resources, libraries develop policies to address customer use and library expectations. The library serves all customers equally and is open to everyone. The goal is to create a secure, relaxing, and pleasant place to learn and explore.

The development of the policies is intended to govern internet use and to maintain a safe and healthy environment.

This action will adopt the following governing policies for the Palm Desert Library:

- **LIBR 014 – Internet Use and Safety Policy:** Outlines the public usage of the internet and internet filtering.
- **LIBR 015 – Prohibition on Youth Bullying:** Prohibits bullying, harassment, and intimidation of youth.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Library Policies Resolution
 - a. Exhibit A: Draft Library Policies