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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, September 23,
2025**

Item Number: 1.6

MEETING DATE: 09/23/2025

DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Austin Curtis

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SUBJECT:

LIBRARY - A. CURTIS

Adopt Resolution adopting the San Benito County Free Library Collection Development Policy in compliance with Assembly Bill 1825, otherwise known as the California Freedom to Read Act, to define the guidelines used for selecting and maintaining the library's collection and establish procedures for addressing reconsideration of materials, and authorize the Chair to sign.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 80

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-72

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On September 29, 2024, Assembly Bill 1825, known as the California Freedom to Read Act, was signed into law and codified as Title 1, Division 1, Part 11, Chapter 10, Sections 19800-19802 of the California Education Code, effective January 1, 2025. A copy of the Act is attached to this report. This legislation requires that every library jurisdiction establish, adopt, and maintain a Collection Development Policy, in accordance with requirements of section 19802(a)(1), and provide it to the State Librarian by January 1, 2026. The San Benito County Free Library has developed a Collection Development Policy that meets the standards outlined in section 19802(a)(1).

The Collection Development Policy serves as a guiding document that outlines the principles and criteria

for selecting, maintaining, and reconsidering materials in the library's collection. It ensures consistency and alignment among staff when making collection decisions and provides transparency to the public regarding how those decisions are made.

The San Benito County Free Library's Collection Development Policy aims to: ensure alignment with the California Freedom to Read Act (2024), define the guidelines used for selecting and maintaining the library's collection, establish procedures for addressing reconsideration of materials, and reaffirm the library's commitment to intellectual freedom and ensuring all community members have equitable access to a diverse range of materials.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution adopting the San Benito County Free Library Collection Development Policy in compliance with Assembly Bill 1825, otherwise known as the California Freedom to Read Act, to define the guidelines used for selecting and maintaining the library's collection and establish procedures for addressing reconsideration of materials, and authorize the Chair to sign.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Board Agenda Fact Sheet - Library Collection Development Policy](#)
[Resolution - Adopting Library's Collection Development Policy](#)
[California Freedom to Read Act](#)