

Library Board Agenda Memo

From: Ashia Gustafson, Library Director

Library Board Meeting:

Subject: County Funding

Summary:

This year the Brookings County Commission reduced funding to the Brookings Public Library from \$25,000, which has been received for the last four (4) years to \$10,000. The request for 2026 was \$35,000.

At the December 16, 2025 County Commission Meeting, the Brookings County Commission assigned \$15,000 in the 2025 budget to move to the 2026 budget to bring the funding for the Brookings Public Library back to \$25,000.

With the funding re-instated staff is recommending rescinding the implementation of a \$25 fee for adult county cards beginning January 1, 2026

~~To make up for this funding short fall, but to reflect the fact that the County is contributing some funding, staff is recommending charging \$25 for each adult county card beginning January 1, 2026.~~

~~Children's cards would not have a charge, but must be connected to a paid adult county card. County cards would expire every year instead of every three (3) years.~~

~~Staff have discussed how they would communicate this change out to patrons, if it occurs. Information would be included in the December newsletter and an email blast would go out to all patrons. (In our email software, we can't narrow it to just County emails.) Signage would be created to display near the foyer calendar and the front desk.~~

Discussion:

Recommendation:

Rescind the implementation of a \$25 fee for adult county cards beginning January 1, 2026.