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MEMO

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From: Jillian Morrissey, Community Development Director

RE: Final Decision on the Library Material *Maybe Now* by Colleen Hoover

1. Comments from a member of the LCAC were concerned about the placement of the book in the Adult Collection and that there are no safeguards for minors 15 and under in perusing and selecting the material. The Borough respects parental rights and parental choice to apply for a library card for their child and to use community libraries. When a parent applies for a library card in Borough Libraries, their signature indicates that they “accept responsibility for (their) child’s selection of materials”.

To date, current patrons that have applied for a library card for their child have not requested that Borough Libraries provide additional access restrictions to the library collections. However, after a spring 2025 online survey with parents/guardians that have minors with a library card or use the library, 57% of the respondents were interested in the possibility of receiving a notification if their minor has checked out material. With this information the Community Development Department has begun work with the Joint Library Network – Alaska Library Collection on a potential email response when a minor checks out library material. This is in the nascent stage and an update will be provided as information is available. In the meantime, parents can always view their child’s selections at any time by looking at their account online or directly inquiring at the library.

2. A summary of your dispositions is below:

Michelle Dempsey	Keep the book where it is
Aaron Malone	Reshelve the book to the adult section
Camilla Potts	Reshelve the book to the adult section
Chad Scott	Remove the book from the library
Nancy Bertels	Keep the book where it is
Susan Hillman	Keep the book where it is

The comments from the members and dispositions on the scorecards did not preclude me from restricting an adult from selecting or accessing these books. These factors and our Administrative Policy determine my decision that the book, *Maybe Now* by Colleen Hoover, will remain in the Adult Collection at the library of origin.