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## **CREDIT CARD POLICY**

The Avon Free Library (“the Library”) maintains a single corporate credit card account as an ongoing option for staff to use for emergency purchases and purchases for which other forms of payment are impossible, impractical, or likely to result in unreasonable delays between the purchase of a good or service and its receipt. With prior approval from the Board of Trustees (“Board”), bank credit cards will be established in the name of the Library and the specific name of an individual with a maximum credit limit for each set by the Library.

Credit accounts will be available for specific purchases, such as office/custodial supplies. All credit cards will be held by the Director until needed by specified staff members, and then returned to the Director for safekeeping.

Staff will make every effort to use other payment methods in lieu of the corporate credit card. Bank credit cards will be used primarily for travel expenses to conferences and prepayment of materials when required by a vendor.

- Credit and store cards are not to be used for personal expenses by staff under any circumstance.
- Use of cards does not replace requisitions and purchase orders or other purchasing procedures

All purchases made with the Library corporate credit card must have the Director’s prior written approval, and be fully documented. Execution of purchases will be the responsibility of the Director. All credit card receipts and invoices must be submitted to and reconciled by the Director, or his or her designee, monthly.

Proper documentation is to include:

- A completed Payment Request Form signed by the Director and the staff member requesting the purchase;
- Original paid receipt indicating the amount paid, the vendor, and the itemized description of the purchases;
- In the case of books, subscriptions or similar orders, a copy of the order form or document and packing slip or other receiving document;

Examples of documentation NOT allowed:

- Non-itemized cash register receipts;

- Handwritten requests for reimbursement without receipts or other verification.

A lost or stolen credit card must be reported to the Director immediately.

The Treasurer maintains online access to the credit card account for purposes including, but not limited to, viewing statements, making payments, and updating contact information.

Credit card payments are reviewed and approved by the Claims Auditor in accordance with the Claims Audit Policy and included in the vouchers for approval at the monthly Board meeting.

*Approved by the Avon Free Library Board of Trustees: August 30, 2021*

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