



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# Board of Library Trustees

**TO:** **BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES** **DATE:** **JULY 23, 2018**

**FROM:** **RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**SUBJECT:** **UPDATE ON NEW DIGITAL CONTENT ACQUIRED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019**

**ISSUE:**

Receive an update on new digital content acquired for fiscal year 2018-2019.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file this update on new digital content acquired for fiscal year 2018-2019.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 12, 2018, the Riverside City Council adopted the resolutions approving the fiscal years 2018-20 Two-Year and Capital Improvement Program Budgets, the Master Fees and Charges Schedule, and to delegate investment authority to the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer. As part of the Public Library budget, \$102,000 for fiscal year 2018-2019 and \$104,000 for fiscal year 2019-2020 has been allocated for Library Materials.

In addition to City funds allocated to Library Materials, the Library also receives a number of trust fund disbursements and donations from support groups that go towards the purchase of Library Materials. The total amount spent on library materials annually is approximately \$250,000.

The Riverside Public Library currently provides access to e-books and e-audiobooks through Cloud Library and Enki Library, and access to current issues of digital magazines through Zinio. As part of library materials spending for fiscal year 2018-2019 staff have identified the need to offer new and expanded digital content for the community.

**DISCUSSION:**

As part of the Library Materials budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 the Library will spend \$20,995 to offer MasterFile Complete, MAS Ultra, Middle Search Plus, Primary Search, LearningExpress Library, LearningExpress - Computer Skills Edition, LearningExpress - Job and Career Accelerator Center, and Pronunciator.

MasterFile Complete is a general reference database designed for public libraries that provides access to full-text magazines, reference books, and other sources. Topics covered include general interest subject areas including an extensive collection of photos, maps and flags. Of note, this database provides full text access to the Consumer

MAS Ultra is designed for high school students and provides access to over 470 full-text school magazines, 340 reference books, 109,000 biographies and 73,000 primary source documents.

Middle Search Plus is designed for middle school students and provides access to over 170 full-text magazines, 103,000 full-text biographies and 55,000 primary source documents.

Primary Search is designed for elementary school students and offers thousands of full-text articles from children's magazines, easy-to-read encyclopedic entries written specifically for youth and images of relevant photos, maps and flags.

LearningExpress Library is an online learning center that provides access to college admission and placement exams, academic skills improvement for 4<sup>th</sup> grade skills through college, graduate school admission exams, adult learning, high school equivalency exams, U.S. citizenship test preparation in English and Spanish, and career occupational certification exam preparation. Customers can access timed and untimed practice tests, downloadable e-books and receive instant test and essay scoring.

LearningExpress Computer Skills provides self-paced online multimedia tutorials to help customers learn the fundamentals of the computer, the internet and popular software applications geared for beginners to advanced users.

LearningExpress Job & Career Accelerator provides resume and letter builders with targeted samples and tips, millions of job and internship postings, interviewing advice and a personal dashboard to track users' work.

Pronunciator offers language learning in over 80 languages, English as Second Language learning in over 50 non-English languages, and over 250 live teacher-led conversation classes are scheduled each week.

The Interim Chief Innovation Officer concurs with this report.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact is the expenditure of \$20,995. City funds are available in Library Materials budget for fiscal year 2018-2019.

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