

2023 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Library

Board of Library Trustees

November 13, 2023



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BACKGROUND

- Annual summer reading community program
- Prevents “summer slide” learning loss, increases literacy skills, and prepares students for returning to school in the fall
- Enrichment activities and performances



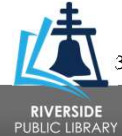
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DISCUSSION

- Find Your Voice – Self-expression through writing, art, and movement
- Over 30 local businesses and organizations sponsored prizes
- 40% increase in 2023 program attendance



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DISCUSSION

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01	SUMMER READING SIGN-UPS 2,538
02	IN-PERSON PROGRAM ATTENDANCE 4,538
03	BOOKS READ 31,609
04	LUNCHES HANDED OUT 2,423
05	PARK ATTENDANCE 2,123



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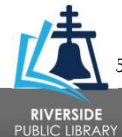
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- Free Lunch at the Library programs at Main and Spc. Jesus S. Duran Eastside Libraries
- Pop-up visits at four City Parks



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- \$13,824.35 was spent on the Summer Reading Program from the Library's Gift fund account.
- \$47,785 was spent on the Lunch at the Library and Pop-Up Park Visits from a grant awarded to the Library by the California State Library.



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



Strategic Priority 1 - Arts, Culture & Recreation

Goal 1.1 – Strengthen Riverside's portfolio of arts, culture, recreation, senior and lifelong learning programs and amenities through expanded community.

Goal No. 1.2 – Facilitate equitable access to arts, culture and recreational service offerings and facilities.

Goal 1.5 – Support the development, literacy, health, and education of children and youth throughout the community.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



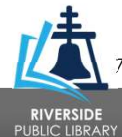
Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Library Trustees receive an informational report on the 2023 Summer Reading Program at the Riverside Public Library.



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