Community Services and Youth Committee Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO:	**HONORABLE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS**	**DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2018**
FROM:	**RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPARTMENT**	**WARD: ALL**
SUBJECT:	**EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY – UPDATE - DIRECT SUBMITTAL**	

ISSUE:

Receive an update on early childhood programs at the Library.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community Services and Youth Committee receive an update on early childhood programs at the Library.

BACKGROUND:

One of the core services the Riverside Public Library provides to the community is early childhood programming. Storytime and playtime are opportunities for trained library staff to provide children with early literacy skills and child development opportunities.

DISCUSSION:

The Riverside Public Library offers over 20 early childhood programs each week between the eight (8) library locations. These programs include storytimes presented by library staff that incorporate rhymes, songs, books and play to encourage literacy skills in children. Additionally, staff are teaching parents basic skills on how to read with their children at home.

There are four (4) distinct types of storytimes and two (2) types of play times provided by the Library on a consistent basis for children under the age of 5 and their parents. These include Pre-School Storytime, Busy Bee Storytime, Bilingual Storytime, Family Storytime, Sensory Play and Pre-School Playdate. A brief description of storytimes and play times is provided below.

Pre-School Storytime:	Storytime focused on pre-kindergarten skills. Includes stories, songs, rhymes, music and more.
Busy Bee Storytime:	Storytime designed for newborns through two year olds.

Includes rhymes, fingerplays, songs, instruments, and books. Followed by a parent and child playtime.

Bilingual Storytime: Storytime designed for children of all ages told in English and Spanish. With an emphasis on stories, includes music, rhymes and more.

Family Storytime: Storytime designed for children of all ages. With an emphasis on stories, includes music, rhymes and more.

Pre-School Playdate: Time for children to play with toys and sing/dance to music appropriate for ages 3-5 with an emphasis on toys that develop pre-Kindergarten skills.

Sensory Play: Time for children to play with items that engage all five senses appropriate from newborn to 5 years of age.

A schedule of early childhood programs at all locations is provided in the chart below:

Storytime Schedule		
Arlanza Library	Pre School Storytime	Tuesday, 11 a.m.
	Family Storytime	Thursday, 5 p.m.
Arlington Library	Family Storytime	Monday, 5:30 p.m.
	Pre School Storytime	Thursday, 11:30 a.m.
	Bilingual Storytime	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
SSgt Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Library	Pre School Storytime	Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
	Family Storytime	Thursday, 5 p.m.
	Toddler Paydate	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library	Family Storytime	Monday, 6 p.m.
	Baby Bee Storytime	Tuesday, 11 a.m.
	Pre School Storytime	Wednesday, 11 a.m.
La Sierra Library	Pre School Storytime	Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
	Baby Bee Storytime	Thursday, 11 a.m.
	Sensory Play	2nd Saturday, 10:30 a.m.
Main Library	Pre School Storytime	Wednesday, 11 a.m.
	Baby Bee Storytime	Thursday, 11 a.m.
	Family Storytime	Thursday, 6 p.m. & Saturday, 11 a.m.
	Sensory Play	Everyother Monday, 11 a.m.
Marcy Library	Pre School Storytime	Monday & Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.
	Pajama Storytime	1st Thursday, 4 p.m.
	Bilingual Storytime	2nd Thursday, 4 p.m.
Orange Terrace Library	Pre School Playdate	Monday, 11:30 a.m.
	Pre School Storytime	Tuesday, 11 a.m.
	Baby Bee Storytime	Wednesday, 11 a.m.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation