



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: **BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES** **DATE: MAY 10, 2021**
FROM: **RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY** **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: **RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION**

ISSUE:

Receive an update from Susan Toscano, President of the Riverside Public Library Foundation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive an update from Susan Toscano, President of the Riverside Public Library Foundation.

BACKGROUND:

In 1997, The Riverside Public Library Foundation was created by visionary Library supporters. The Mission of the Riverside Public Library Foundation is to raise funds to ensure the excellence of library services for Riverside Residents.

The Riverside Public Library Foundation's directors and officers are all volunteers. The Foundation relies on donations and fundraising events for support. The Foundation is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

DISCUSSION:

In 2020, the Riverside Public Library Foundation (RPLF) raised funds to support digital resources at the Library. This year the Foundation's annual campaign raised \$44,000 and RPLF secured a grant from the ER Carpenter Foundation for \$65,000 for a total of \$109,000 to fund e-materials and databases for the Library.

In past years the Foundation has supported the Library through the following projects.

1. 2019 "Riverside Kids Read" campaign, raised funds to support early literacy programs such as "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" and the STAR (Story Telling and Retelling) programs.
2. 2018 annual campaign raised funds to support the Art Lending Library.
3. Funds in 2018 for the library to purchase: laptop computers to fill the first Laptop Kiosk, wireless printing technology for all library locations, a renovation of the Casa Blanca

Library computer lab, and upgrades to the Story Mobile.

- 4. Raised funds to bring self-service kiosks (Smart-Serve 1000's) to each of the Riverside libraries.
- 5. Raised funds for Toys-to-Go, a toy-lending library.
- 6. Raised the funds for the new Maker Space in the Main Library
- 7. Raised approximately \$200,000 for the new Orange Terrace Library.
- 8. On-Line Homework Help for Riverside Students
- 9. The READy-Set-Go Storymobile
- 10. Story Time Kits for Daycare Providers
- 11. Furnishings & Artwork for the Casa Blanca Family Learning Center
- 12. Computers for the Eastside Cybrary
- 13. Best Sellers & Children's Books
- 14. A Special Collection of Martin Luther King Materials
- 15. Affordable Computer Buying Program for Low Income Students & Their Families
- 16. A Refurbished Downtown Library Auditorium
- 17. Veterans' Oral History Project

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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