



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVOCATES BOARD EFFECTIVENESS
TRAINING**

ISSUES:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive an update on the California Public Library Advocates Board Effectiveness Training and determine a training date if training is desired.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Library Trustees:

1. Receive an update on the California Public Library Advocates Board Effectiveness Training;
2. Select a training date; and
3. Direct the Library Director to schedule training

BACKGROUND:

California Public Library Advocates (CPLA) offers Board Effectiveness Training to Library Trustees and Commissioners serving in California. The three (3) hour training is available to be presented at our library, free of charge, on a date of the Board's choosing. Training is to be scheduled on a Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Training is tailored to the specific needs and issues of our board.

Training readies participants to be able to:

1. Articulate the significant role and contribution of volunteer trustees to Library success, including CPLA's role.
2. Understand the various Library Board structures in California, and recognize the type on which they serve.
3. Identify legal obligations of library board members, and know steps to take to reduce personal and Board liability.

4. List the role and functions of a Library Board, and articulate some success strategies for accomplishing them.
5. Develop and/or enhance a productive working relationship with their Library Director.
6. Identify next steps for addressing their own current issues in this area.

A typical agenda includes the following:

1. Introduction
2. Why Do We Have Library Boards?
3. Types of Library Boards in California
4. What Library Boards Do
5. Legal Duties and Liabilities of Library Board Members
6. Success Strategies for Boards
7. Working Toward Good Board/Library Director Relations
8. Next Steps -- What Can We Do To Help Our Board Be Effective?
9. Additional Resources Available to Help

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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