Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2016

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: EARLY LEARNING AREA AT ARLINGTON LIBRARY FROM THE MOLLY CARPENTER MEMORIAL FUND ESTIMATED AT $24,000

ISSUE:

Receive and file the update on the Early Learning area at Arlington Library.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file this report.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2015, a memorial fund was established by the Riverside Public Library Foundation in honor of long-time library supporter Molly Carpenter. Ms. Carpenter served as president of the Riverside Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Riverside Library, Co-Chair of the Measure I Library Parcel Tax Campaign, founder of the Literacy Friends, was a member of the Library Board of Trustees, and along with her husband Chris, was a major donor in support of the Casa Blanca Library remodel, the Orange Terrace Library project, and many Library Foundation Annual Campaigns. A former elementary school teacher, Molly enjoyed watching children discover the wonder of reading.

DISCUSSION:

The Molly Carpenter Memorial funds will be used to create an early learning center at the Arlington Library. The estimated cost is $24,000. The Center will enhance the current youth area at the library with professionally crafted interactive panels designed for unstructured play. The interactive panels emphasize pre-literacy skills and practices in an inviting and engaging manner. Concept designs (Attachment) are now available with final design work in progress.

Director Kennon will provide an update once design work is complete and installation dates are received. A dedication event is planned following installation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact is estimated at $24,000 from the Gift Fund Account Number 5145000-450201.

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Attachment: Interactive Panels