



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: APRIL 18, 2017
FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY WARDS: ALL
SUBJECT: LIBRARY DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW AND EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

ISSUE:

Receive an overview of the Library Department and recognize the Department's employees.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive an overview of the Library Department and recognize the Department's employees.

BACKGROUND:

The Library Department exists to enthusiastically serve the public as the learning center for the community and is dedicated to being the foremost promoter of self-directed life-long learning. The Library Department includes a Director and Assistant Director, and a total of 7 divisions, which include Administration, Access Services, Technology, Early Literacy, Circulation, Local History and Outreach. The department facilitates access to learning tools in diverse formats to meet community need and advances the City's outstanding quality of life through efforts aligned with the Riverside 2.0 Strategic Plan, and other important programs and initiatives within the City of Riverside.

DISCUSSION:

Each April the Library Department joins the nation in celebrating National Library Week, a time to celebrate libraries, librarians, library workers and the work they do every day to meet the specific and diverse needs of their communities. The theme for National Library Week 2017 is Libraries Transform. Libraries Transform is also the theme of the American Library Association's public awareness campaign which is designed to increase public awareness of the value, impact and services provided by libraries and library professionals.

Libraries Transform recognizes many key facts, including that (a) Today's libraries are not just about what libraries have for people, but what libraries do for and with people; (b) Libraries are evolving with the changes in the information landscape and the skills and tools needed to thrive

in our digital world; (c) Libraries are committed to advancing their legacy of reading and developing a digitally inclusive society; and (d) Libraries add value in five key areas: education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment and engagement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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