



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2017

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY AWARDS 2017-2018 "MAXIMIZING LEARNING SPACES OR HOW TO MACGYVER YOUR LIBRARY" PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000

ISSUE:

Receive and file this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file the update.

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside Public Library submitted an application to the California State Library to participate in "Maximizing Learning Spaces or How to MacGyver Your Library" project. The project submitted was to enhance the children and teen spaces at the La Sierra Library. The La Sierra Library is the only Riverside Public Library location without space dedicated to interactive learning for these age groups. Participation in this project will enable La Sierra Library to create a more welcoming space for customers and to better meet the needs of families with toddlers, school aged youth, and teens. Transforming the library into a space for children and teens to discover, study, play and innovate, will inspire children of all ages to be lifelong seekers and sharers of information.

DISCUSSION:

On August 31, 2017, the Riverside Public Library was selected to participate in "Maximizing Learning Spaces or How to MacGyver Your Library" project. The project includes the expertise of a professional design consultant that will develop a plan to better utilize the Children and Teen spaces at the La Sierra Library. The Library will receive \$5,000 toward the purchase of movable furniture or materials that will support and enhance the new design. Staff will engage children and caregivers following regularly scheduled early learning programs to determine their desires in the new space, especially as it relates to seating and interactive learning elements. Elements currently being considered for the children's space are comfy seating options for children and caregivers, interactive learning panels, educational/sensory rugs, and shelving that allows for books to be displayed face out. Staff is considering partitions to better define study space, modular chairs with desk tables for teens, bar height seating for group work and modern lighting fixtures and décor.

The grant term is for one year beginning on August 31, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

The grant funds would support the Library's efforts to provide an enriching cultural and learning center for customers of all ages.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total grant award is \$5,000 and will cover the costs associated with purchase of movable furniture or materials. There are no matching City funds required.

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Attachment: Award