



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: MARCH 27, 2018

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: LIBRARY DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

ISSUE:

Receive a report on the City Council recognition of the Library Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive a report on the City Council recognition of the Library Department.

BACKGROUND:

On April 3, 2018, the City Council is scheduled to receive a report on the activities of the Library Department and recognize Library employees.

The month of April was selected to coincide with National Library Week, which is April 8-14, 2018. National Library Week is a time to celebrate libraries, librarians and 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 2018 is Libraries Lead. Libraries Lead is also the theme of the American Library Association's new public awareness campaign which is designed to increase public awareness of the value, impact and services provided by libraries and library professionals.

Libraries Lead recognizes many key facts, including: (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.

DISCUSSION:

The attached presentation includes the department's' vision and mission statement, division staffing levels, an overview of the services provided, and recognition of the departments

employee of the year for 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation