



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: APRIL 3, 2018

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: LIBRARY DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW AND EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation providing an overview of the Library Department and recognizing the Department's Employee of the Year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive a report providing an overview of the Library Department and recognizing the Department's Employee of the Year.

BACKGROUND:

The month of April coincides 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 an overview of the Library Department's vision and mission, division staffing levels, services provided, and recognition of the Department's employee of the year for 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation