



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: JANUARY 28, 2019

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: BOOK-TO-ACTION PROGRAM

ISSUE:

Receive and file this report on the Book-to-Action Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file this report on the Book-to-Action Program.

BACKGROUND:

On November 20, 2018, the Riverside Public Library submitted a request to the California Center for the Book/California Library Association to participate in the Book-to-Action Program (Program). The purpose of the Program is to provide opportunities for readers to explore a book selected by the requesting agency and then put their knowledge into action with a specific community service project related to the book topic.

The allocated request is \$2,000 for speaker fees and/or books to be given away to the community. Book-to-Action is not a grant and is not a reimbursement program. The California Center for the Book will order copies of the book identified in the application and ship them to the Riverside Public Library and will pay invoices for speaker fees and giveaway books directly.

DISCUSSION:

On November 27, 2018, the Library's request to participate in the Program was approved by the California Center for the Book. The Library selected the book titled *No Place*, a book which focuses on homelessness by Todd Strasser. Components of the proposed Program are outlined below.

1. Community Read and book discussion – *No Place* by Todd Strasser
2. Author Event—In conversation with Todd Strasser
3. Community Service Activity – Displays and a presentation related to homelessness with Office of Homeless Solutions.

The Program is required to be completed by mid-June 2019 with a final report and survey due to the California Center for the Book in mid-July 2019.

The Library will partner with the City Manager's Office of Homeless Solutions to implement the Program. Director of Office of Homeless Solutions, Emilio Ramirez, concurs with this report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total allocation of \$2,000 will cover speaker fees and books to be given away to the community. The practice of the California Center for the Book is to not reimburse or offer funds directly to the Riverside Public Library. However, the books will be ordered directly by California Center for the Book and shipped to the Riverside Public Library. Invoices for speaker fees and giveaway books will be paid directly by California Center for the Book.

If there are additional speaker fees, staff will request that the Friends of the Library or the Library Foundation offset the costs. Other expected in-kind program expenses include: marketing \$500, refreshments \$200, staff \$800, and event space \$100 of which will be absorbed in the Library's operating budget. There are no matching funds required.

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