



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: APRIL 16, 2019**

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY **WARD: ALL**

SUBJECT: LIBRARY DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW AND EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

ISSUE:

Receive and file an overview of the Library Department and employee recognition.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive and file an overview of the Library Department and employee recognition.

BACKGROUND:

The month of April was selected for the Library Department overview and employee recognition to coincide with National Library Week, which is April 7-13, 2019. 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. National Library Week was first sponsored in 1958 by the American Library Association. National Library Worker's Day this year will be celebrate on Tuesday, April 9th.

The theme for National Library Week 2019 is Libraries = Strong Communities. Libraries = Strong Communities 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 = Strong Communities 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 (5) key areas: education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment and engagement.

DISCUSSION:

The attached presentation includes the department's' vision, mission, division staffing, an overview of the services provided and recognition of the departments employee of the year for 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation