



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2019

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION IN HARWOOD PUBLIC INNOVATION FOR CALIFORNIA'S
PUBLIC LIBRARIES - UPDATE**

ISSUE:

Receive and file this update on the Riverside Public Library staff participation in Harwood Public Innovation for California's Public Libraries.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file this update on the Riverside Public Library staff participation in Harwood Public Innovation for California's Public Libraries.

BACKGROUND:

On September 4, 2019, Director Christmas applied for staff to participate in the California Harwood Public Innovators Workshop for Public Libraries for fall 2019.

On September 9, 2019, Director Christmas was notified that the California State Library accepted Riverside Public Library for the fall 2019 training series.

The Harwood Public Innovation for California's Public Libraries project is supported by the U.S. Institute for Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

DISCUSSION:

The California State Library and The Harwood Institute have partnered to train and support the California Library staff in a practice called Turning Outward. Turning Outward is an approach The Harwood Institute has designed to help library professionals gain deeper knowledge of their communities and to use this knowledge to shape choices and judgements about the community.

Riverside Public Library Staff will attend the first in person training of this series on November 6, 2019 in Anaheim, California. Staff that will participate in the training include Erin Christmas, Library Director; Vanessa Christman, Assistant Library Director; Jenna Pontious, Main Library

Supervisor (Librarian); and Dedria Tillett, Library Assistant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this update. All costs associated with this training will be paid directly or reimbursed by the California State Library.

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