



Community Services and Youth Committee Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS **DATE: MARCH 11, 2020**

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

SUBJECT: STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY – UPDATE - DIRECT SUBMITTAL

ISSUE:

Receive an update on storytime at the Library.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community Services and Youth Committee receive an update on storytime at the Library.

BACKGROUND:

One of the core services the Riverside Public Library provides to the community is storytime. Storytime is an opportunity for trained library staff to provide children with early literacy skills and child development opportunities.

DISCUSSION:

The Riverside Public Library offers over 20 storytimes each week between the eight (8) library locations. These programs include storytimes presented by library staff that incorporate rhymes, songs, books and play to encourage literacy skills in children. Additionally, staff are teaching parents basic skills on how to read with their children at home.

There are five (5) distinct types of storytimes provided by the Library on a consistent basis for children under the age of five (5) and their parents. These include Pre-School Storytime, Busy Bee Storytime, Bilingual Storytime, Family Storytime, and Specialty Storytime. A brief description of storytimes is provided below.

Pre-School Storytime: Storytime focused on pre-kindergarten skills. Includes stories, songs, rhymes, music and more.

Busy Bee Storytime: Storytime designed for newborns through two year olds. Includes rhymes, fingerplays, songs, instruments, and books. Followed by a parent and child playtime.

Bilingual Storytime:	Storytime designed for children of all ages told in English and Spanish. With an emphasis on stories, includes music, rhymes and more.
Family Storytime:	Storytime designed for children of all ages. With an emphasis on stories, includes music, rhymes and more.
Specialty Storytime:	Similar to family storytime but includes special themes; for instance, pajama, holiday, etc.

A schedule of storytimes at all locations is provided in the chart below:

Storytime Schedule		
Arlanza	Pre-School Storytime	Tuesday, 11am
	Family Storytime	Thursday, 5pm
Arlington	Family Storytime	Monday, 5:00pm
	Baby Bee Storytime	Tuesday, 11:30am and 4:30pm
	Pre-School Storytime	Thursday, 11:30am
	Bilingual Storytime	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 11:30am
SSgt Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Library	Pre-School Storytime	Wednesday, 11:30am
	Family Storytime	Thursday, 5pm
SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library	Pajama Storytime	Monday, 5pm
	Baby Bee Storytime	Tuesday, 11am
	Pre-School Storytime	Wednesday, 11am
La Sierra Library	Dance Party Storytime	Tuesday, 5:30pm
	Pre-School Storytime	Wednesday, 11:30am
	Baby Bee Storytime	Thursday, 11am
Main Library	Pre-School Storytime	Wednesday, 11am
	Baby Bee Storytime	Thursday, 11am
	Family Storytime	Thursday, 6pm & Saturday, 11am
Marcy Library	Pre-School Storytime	Monday and Tuesday, 10:30am
	Baby Bee Storytime	Wednesday 10:30am
	Pajama Storytime	1st and 3rd Thursday, 4pm
	Bilingual Storytime	2nd and 4th Thursday, 4pm
Orange Terrace Library	Pre-School Storytime	Tuesday, 11am
	Baby Bee Storytime	Wednesday, 11am

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments:

1. Storytime Flyer
2. Video
3. Presentation