



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 2021

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 September 22, 2020, 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 \$1,000 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 book identified in the application 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.

DISCUSSION:

On October 8, 2020, the Library's request to participate in the Program was approved by the California Center for the Book. The Library selected the book titled *Choosing Civility*, a book which focuses on being constantly aware of others and weaving restraint, respect, and consideration into the fabric of this awareness; by P.M. Forni. Components of the proposed Program are outlined below.

1. Community Read and book discussion – by March 2021
2. Author Event—In conversation with P.M. Forni
3. Community Service Activity – Displays and a presentation related to civility

The Program is required to be completed by mid-June 2021 with a final report and survey due to the California Center for the Book in mid-July 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total allocation of \$1,000 will fund 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. 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.

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