



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES **DATE: AUGUST 11, 2025**
FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: BOOK DONATION FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER DR. COREY JACKSON

ISSUE:

Accept a donation to the Riverside Public Library of a collection of 16 books from Assemblymember Dr. Corey Jackson.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees accept the donation to the Riverside Public Library of a collection of 16 books from Assemblymember Dr. Corey Jackson.

BACKGROUND:

Assemblymember Dr. Corey A. Jackson represents the 60th Assembly district of California.

On May 21, 2025, Assemblymember Dr. Jackson's staff reached out about donating a curated collection of 16 titles by Black authors in celebration of Juneteenth. The intent is for the books to promote literacy, representation, and deeper cultural understanding within public libraries.

DISCUSSION:

Assemblymember Dr. Corey A. Jackson will donate the following titles to the Riverside Public Library:

The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Malcolm X
Before the Mayflower: A History of the Negro in America, 1619-1962 by Lerone Bennett
Black Bourgeoisie by Franklin Frazier
I Speak of Freedom (Revised) by Kwame Nkrumah
The Lost Cities of Africa by Basil Davidson
The Other America by Michael Harrington
The Wretched of the Earth by Frantz Fanon, Cornel West, Richard Philcox, Homi K Bhabha and Jean-Paul Sartre
Africa's Gift to America: The Afro-American in the Making and Saving of the United States by JA Rogers
The Black Muslims in America by Lincoln C. Eric

Malcolm X Speaks by Malcolm X

They Myth of the Negro Past by Melville J. Herskovits

Native Son by Richard Wright

The Negro in Our History by Carter G. Woodson

The Strange Career of Jim Crow by C Vann Woodward and William S. McFeely

World's Great Men of Color Volume I and II by JA Rogers

One copy of each title will be added to the Martin Luther King Jr. Collection at the Main Library.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this update. The total value of the donation is approximately \$360.00.

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