City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL   DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

FROM: LIBRARY DEPARTMENT   WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: LIBRARY DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW AND EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

ISSUES:

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside Public Library's goal is to Create safe and welcoming public spaces; Cultivate Library use by residents, with an emphasis on self-directed, life-long learning to produce a highly literacy and educated community; Support the City's youth through programs and services with an emphasis on technology and media literacy, including summer learning, teen services and outreach to schools; Serve as the Riverside information and technology center, ensuring equitable access to public technology and resources; and Serve as a cultural arts, literacy, and learning center, with a focus on special collections.

DISCUSSION:

The Riverside Public Library is made up of eight (8) locations throughout the City. This includes the Main, Arlanza, Arlington, Staff Seargent Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca, Specialist Jesus S. Duran Eastside @ Lincoln Park, La Sierra, Marcy and Orange Terrace.

Resources and programs provided at these locations include audio books, eBooks, databases, DVD's, local history, print books, coding workshops, computer instruction, makerspace and so many others. The attached presentation highlights the Library Department overview including recognition of the Department employee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation