

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SECURITY/INCIDENT REPORTS

ISSUE:

Receive a summary of security/incident reports from July 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file the summary of security/incident reports from July 2024.

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside Public Library has established Rules of Library Conduct Identified and Prohibited by the Riverside Municipal Code Section 9.75 for successful running of its facilities, to maintain an appropriate library environment, and to ensure customers enjoy their Library visits. Library employees, in consultation with their supervisor, are authorized to issue warning and exclusion notices for violations to the Rules of Library Conduct (attached).

An itemized summary below provides a brief description of the incidents, warning and exclusion notices that occurred at all Riverside Public Library locations from July 2024.

Location/Date

Description

Arlanza, SSgt Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca and La Sierra

No incidents reported.

<u>Arlington</u>

- 7/16/24 Incident report of various unhoused individuals sleeping, littering, drug paraphernalia and drug use, fighting and vandalism to library facilities. *
- 7/16/24 Incident report of two vehicle accident in the parking lot.
- 7/19/24 Incident report and 365-day exclusion notice issued to individual for drug paraphernalia and drug use, assault, threatening staff or customer and vandalism to library facilities.

- 7/20/24 Incident report of a previously excluded individual who vandalized the facilities with graffiti.*
- 7/24/24 Previously 365- day excluded individual was trespassing at 9:47 a.m., 11:46 a.m., 4:30 p.m. and 6:15pm. *
- 7/24/24 Incident report of vandalism on trash enclosure lock.
- 7/24/24 Previously 60-day excluded individual was trespassing. *
- 7/24/24 Previously 60-day excluded individual was trespassing. *
- 7/25/24 Previously 365-day excluded individual was trespassing throughout the day. *
- 7/27/24 Previously 60-day excluded individual was trespassing. *

<u>Main</u>

- 7/11/24 Incident report and 30-day exclusion issued to individual for non-service animal, disturbing others and refusing to leave.
- 7/17/24 Incident report and 365-day exclusion issued to two individuals for using drugs on library property. *
- 7/18/24 Incident report and 60-day exclusion notice issued to individual for using restroom inappropriately.
- 7/19/24 Incident reported of theft.
- 7/19/24 365-day exclusion notice issued to individual for theft.

Marcy

7/11/24 Incident report and 30-day exclusion issued to individual for open container of alcohol and public intoxication.

Orange Terrace

7/9/24 Incident report and 30-day exclusion notice issued to individual for vandalizing, damaging or abusing library materials, equipment or facilities.

Spc. Jesus S. Duran Eastside

- 7/10/24 Incident report and 30-day exclusion notice issued to individual for staring and harassing a customer.
- 7/17/24 Incident report and 30-day exclusion notice issued to individual for being shirtless and disturbing others.
- 7/25/24 Incident report and 30-day exclusion notice issued to individual for sleeping and

refusing to stay awake and refusing to leave the library. *

7/26/24 Incident report and 60-day exclusion notice issued to individual for using the restroom inappropriately.

*Indicates police interaction or 911.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 1 *Arts, Culture & Recreation* and Goal 1.4 – Prioritize safety and welfare in City Parks, trails, and cultural and recreation facilities. Strategic Priority No. 2 Community Well-Being: Ensure safe and inclusive neighborhoods where everyone can thrive.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

- Community Trust The incident report is used to identify trends in fluctuations of warnings and exclusions issued to patrons that violate the Rules of Library Conduct identified and prohibited by the Riverside Municipal Code Section 9.75 to enhance security measures for public safety.
- 2. Equity The Library endeavors to provide a safe environment to all its customers.
- 3. **Fiscal Responsibility** The Library's financial resources are not used for the incident report.
- 4. **Innovation** The Library in collaboration with partnerships with the Riverside Police Department and the City Attorney's Office to coordinate effective enforcement of major violations of the Riverside Municipal Code Section 9.75.
- 5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** The Library, City Attorney's Office and the Board of Library Trustees regularly review the Rules of Library Conduct to ensure that the Rules of Library Conduct are current with local, state, and federal laws.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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- Attachment: RMC Section 9.75 Rules of Library Conduct