

2024 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Library

Board of Library Trustees

September 9, 2024



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BACKGROUND

- Annual summer reading community program
- Prevents “summer slide” learning loss, increases literacy skills, and prepares students for returning to school in the fall
- Enrichment activities and performances



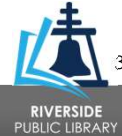
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DISCUSSION

- Read, Renew, Repeat – Conservation and self-improvement
- Eighteen local businesses and organizations sponsored prizes
- 29% increase in 2024 program attendance



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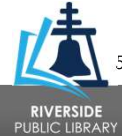
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- Free Lunch at the Library programs at Main and Spc. Jesus S. Duran Eastside Libraries
- Pop-up visits at City Parks



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- \$17,934 was spent on the Summer Reading Program from the Library's Gift fund account.
- \$30,481 was spent on the Lunch at the Library and Pop-Up Park Visits from a grant awarded to the Library by the California State Library.



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



Strategic Priority 1 - Arts, Culture & Recreation

Goal 1.1 – Strengthen Riverside's portfolio of arts, culture, recreation, senior and lifelong learning programs and amenities through expanded community.

Goal No. 1.2 – Facilitate equitable access to arts, culture and recreational service offerings and facilities.

Goal 1.5 – Support the development, literacy, health, and education of children and youth throughout the community.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Library Trustees receive an informational report on the 2024 Summer Reading Program at the Riverside Public Library.



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