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TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2026

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: LET'S GET READY, RIVERSIDE

ISSUE:

Receive an informational report on the 2025 Let's Get Ready, Riverside! program series

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive an informational report on the 2025 Let's Get Ready, Riverside program series at the Riverside Public Library.

BACKGROUND:

Let's Get Ready, Riverside! was a collaboration between City of Riverside's Office of Emergency Management and Riverside Public Library that aimed to educate and empower community members through a series of workshops, speakers, and conversations focused on emergency preparedness.

DISCUSSION:

Let's Get Ready, Riverside! ran from October 4, 2025 through November 7, 2025. To launch the series of programming, Main Library location hosted an open forum Q+A with a panel of emergency preparedness professionals from two outside organizations, UCR Master Gardeners and Earthquake Country Alliance, and three City of Riverside departments, Riverside Fire, IT, and Public Utilities. This event was open to the public and allowed the community to bring questions and concerns to professionals and start a conversation on emergency preparedness and ways to begin preparing in the event an emergency occurs.

Over the course of the month each library location offered at least one free event, with a total of 9 programs across the series and 7 different targeted emergency preparedness topics: water and energy preparedness, fire scaping and growing native plants, search and find skills, pet emergency preparedness, how to create a supply kit and design a personalized evacuation plan, and home wildfire planning with a firefighter. Participants expressed appreciation for this program and the information received, and it resulted in one participant rewiring their house.

With guidance from the Office of Emergency Management, each topic was chosen due to its relevance to the City of Riverside's community members. Materials created by the Office of Emergency Management were used to market the program, made available in each library location, and given to attendees of the program series to reach as many community members as possible. Program flyers were accompanied by a basic emergency preparedness packet including an evacuation checklist, emergency supply kit information, steps on how to create a family communication plan and how to use the MyShake app, an earthquake early warning app. Additional materials were made available on the following topics: flash flooding, wildfires, heat safety, earthquake safety, and post-earthquake information.

Approximately \$3209 was spent on this program and included branded door prizes, raffle prizes to increase attendance, program materials, and professional printing for informational flyers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this informational report.

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