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To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Jessica Hudson, County Librarian  
Date: November 3, 2015

Subject: Apply for and Accept a Grant from the American Library Association

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Librarian, or designee, to apply for and accept a grant in the form of books and program materials from the American Library Association to provide programs to at-risk youth at the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility Library for the period January 1 through May 30, 2016.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No Library Fund match.

**BACKGROUND:**

Books and program materials provided by this grant will support a Great Stories Club for the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility Library. This program, through a grant from the American Library Association, will introduce accessible and appealing literature to underserved young men facing difficult circumstances. Through reading and discussion of program books, participants will engage in an in-depth exploration of universal humanities themes that will resonate with attendees. Participants in the Great Stories Club will explore relevant topics such as incarceration, violence, poverty and addiction. And will explore positive action by encouraging non-readers to develop a love of reading and a habit of

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: 11/03/2015 ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: November 3, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

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cc:

self-directed learning.

**CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

If this proposal is not approved then the Great Stories Club will not occur at Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility.

### CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

If approved, this program will support outcomes 1, 2, 4, and 5 in the Children's Report Card. By improving literacy and fostering a habit of self-directed learning, this program will contribute towards the participants' readiness and success in school as well as contribute to their preparations for a healthy and productive adulthood. By helping the participants deconstruct, examine and understand past negative behavior that led to their present incarceration, this program will contribute to families that are safe, stable and nurturing as well as communities that are safe and provide a high quality of life for children and families.