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County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Theresa Speiker, Interim County Librarian  
Date: July 12, 2016

Subject: Grant in the Amount of \$500 from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation for San Pablo Library

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Interim County Librarian, or designee, to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$500 from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation to provide programs and services at the San Pablo Library for the period May 15, 2016 through June 1, 2017.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No Library Fund match.

**BACKGROUND:**

The receipt of this grant is intended to support STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) programming at the San Pablo Library by using Ezra Jack Keats's book Pet Show! To inspire children to create their own animals and share them with others. This will increase positive connections among parents/guardians and youth (aged 5-12) in San Pablo. The funds for this grant will be used to provide a series of story time and craft program materials for a "Pet Show" program "From Germs to Giraffes," an art and science series serving children and their parent/guardians.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **07/12/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

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

ABSENT: John Gioia, District I  
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: July 12, 2016

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

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: Gail McPartland,  
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The mission of the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation is to bring the multicultural, creative spirit of children's author Ezra Jack Keats into children's lives and literature. The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation supports arts and literacy programs in public schools and libraries, celebrates new writers and illustrators of exceptional picture books for a diverse audience of children, and preserves the legacy of Keats's work while extending his legacy. The Ezra Jack

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Keats foundation was incorporated in 1964. His will directed that the foundation use the royalties from his books for social good.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The intended library programs will not occur.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Contra Costa County Library has a strong commitment to promoting literacy to children and families. The Library has declared 2016 as the “Year of STEAM” to bring children and families quality program in sciences, technology, engineering, arts and math. The goal of this county-wide effort is to engage children in their future. This grant supports the community outcome of: *Children Ready for and Succeeding in School*.