



Contra
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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian
Date: December 20, 2016

Subject: Grants from California Center for the Book and California Library Association

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Librarian, or designee, to apply for and accept three grants in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$6,000 from the California Center for the Book and California Library Association to provide programs and materials for the Bay Point, San Pablo and Concord Libraries for the period December 9, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Library Fund match.

BACKGROUND:

The California Center for the Book and California Library Association "Book to Action" program encourages civic engagement through the book group concept. Along with discussing a book and hearing the author speak, communities put their new-found knowledge into action by engaging in community service projects related to the book topic. The Bay Point, Concord and San Pablo Libraries have identified relevant books and service projects to engage participants in their respective communities:

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/20/2016** ☒ 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

ABSENT: 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: December 20, 2016

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

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

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cc:

The Bay Point Library will conduct children's and family programs related to *Maybe Something Beautiful* by Rafael Lopez. In honor of El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros, participants will assist in creation of a community mural in a festival setting featuring stories, music, and dance. Children, their families and community members will become the painters creating artwork specific to the Bay Point community. Additionally, the library will offer a StoryWalk at each of the four elementary schools in Bay Point during the month of April, further encouraging literacy and participation in the community mural project.

The Concord Library conduct adult programs related to

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The Essential Urban Farmer and *Farm City* by Novella Carpenter and Willow Rosenthal. Participants will work with the UC Master Gardeners of Contra Costa County to plant a vegetable garden at the Concord Library. During the process the participants will receive hand-on advice on planting and garden sustainability practices. Participants will also learn seed saving techniques and will save seeds for a new Seed Lending program at the Concord Library.

The San Pablo Library will conduct adult programs related to *Life is So Good* by George Dawson. Participants will then work with the San Pablo Senior Center, the Contra Costa Middle College Black Student Union, and local Girl Scouts to create a Black History Month celebration and book program for senior citizens.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the grants are not awarded then the programs will not occur.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Bay Point Library “Maybe Something Beautiful” Book-to-Action program supports the “Children Ready for and Succeeding in School” and “Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families” outcomes. By bringing the Community Mural project to the elementary schools in Bay Point, the library will engage families in a community art project while emphasizing the role of reading in developing children’s literacy and sense of community.