

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2016

FROM: Laura Fischer, General Manager

SUBJECT: Donation to the Heber Library.

ISSUE: Shall the Board Authorize a Donation to the Heber Library?

GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a donation in the amount of \$500 or less to the Imperial County Library at Heber for their summer reading program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sponsorship contribution budget 2015-16 was a total of \$2,000. To date we have expended \$2,179.72, which includes the donations authorized at the last board meeting.

Our waste hauler, CR&R has provided the Heber Public Utility District with an additional \$2,000 to be used for community benefit and donations. We have not obligated these funds yet this Fiscal Year, thus they are available to use for this purpose.

DISCUSSION:

This item was placed on the agenda by President, Tony Sandoval.

The County of Imperial Public Library branch in Heber, has a need for various items for their summer reading program which takes place June through July here in Heber. During the program, the library hosts a story time program one a week. The program is intended to keep kids reading during the summer when school is out. Each program includes a story, crafts, games, and other activities such as guest speakers or entertainers.

The new County Librarian, Ms. Crystal Duran is unable to attend the May meeting, but will be here in June to meet the Heber Public Utility District Board. The backup information is attached to this report.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Do not support the Heber Library Summer Reading Program.
- 2) Support the Heber Library Summer Reading Program with a specific amount of funds.
- 3) Provide alternate direction to staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Fischer, General Manager

Donation Request: County Library Donation Request Information

IMPERIAL COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

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Heber Public Utility District
Board of Directors
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Dear Board of Directors and General Manager:

The Imperial County Free Library is offering our annual summer reading program to the children of our community to encourage them to read for pleasure during the summer and to retain their reading skills. Research tells us that children who participate in summer reading programs and read a minimum of six books over the summer score **higher in reading and math** when they return to school. This year's theme is "Read for the Win" and we will offer at least six programs at each of our libraries in Heber, Holtville, Calipatria and Salton City for approximately 600 children.

This summer we need your help! Your donation will help us to offer prizes to children who participate in our reading challenge, provide healthy snacks during our weekly program, and purchase materials for crafts, games, and activities. Because of our limited budget, we cannot afford to offer this without donations.

We appreciate any donation you can make. Possible donations include items to give away such as prizes, small toys, snacks, coupons for free goods or services (admission tickets, fast-food coupons), or cash to purchase materials for snacks and activities. We will acknowledge all donations received in our publicity.

If you can help us in any way, please contact me at the library (760)339-6460. Checks can be made out to Imperial County Free Library and sent to my mailing address listed above. We hope to include you in our summer plans. Many thanks!

Very truly yours,

Crystal Duran, MLIS
County Librarian