



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: August 18, 2009

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director of Community Services/City Librarian

Subject: Acceptance of donations from the Friends of Beverly Hills Public Library, the Beverly Hills Rotary Club, the Samuel Goldwyn Foundation, friends and family of Barbara Sadoff, and other miscellaneous donations.

Attachments:

INTRODUCTION

Out of necessity, there were a number of valuable programs at the Library that were set to be eliminated as a result of the recent budget cuts. Fortunately a number of local organizations and individuals have stepped forward to donate funds to continue these programs. This report asks the Council to accept the donations and appropriate the funds.

DISCUSSION

The Friends of the Library have generously offered to donate funds to continue the support of some very important services that were eliminated through the recent budget cuts. In addition to the many programs and materials that they purchase for the Library every year, the Friends have agreed to support the cost of the homebound delivery program, the cost to pick up the donation of books to the Library and Friends and the cost of the Summer Reading Program party. The total donation for the homebound delivery and book pick up is \$22,070 which will be paid quarterly. At this time staff is asking Council to appropriate the entire amount and will ensure that the quarterly payments are made throughout the year.

The Beverly Hills Rotary Club has generously donated \$3000 to support the historical collection at the Library. These funds will be used to purchase furnishings and equipment to support the collection as well as restore some hours to the operation of this unit of the Library which were cut through the budget process. These funds were donated at the very end of the 08-09 fiscal year and were returned to the general fund balance when the fiscal year closed. Staff is asking Council to appropriate the full amount of this donation from fund balance at this time.

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The Samuel Goldwyn Foundation donated \$2000 to the Library which can be used without restriction. The Library recommends that the funds be used to purchase materials for the Senior Library at Roxbury because the funding for books at this site was eliminated through the budget cuts. Staff is asking Council to appropriate the full amount at this time.

The friends and family of Barbara Sadoff have donated \$575 to the Library in honor of Barbara's birthday to refinish the chairs in the Children's area of the Library. Staff is asking Council to appropriate the full amount at this time.

Miscellaneous donations, including the annual gift from the Nyegaard family, totaling \$924.75 were made to the Library in fy 08-09. Due to an account change, the funds were not appropriated and were returned to fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. Per the request of the Nyegaard family, the funds will be used to purchase furnishings for the children's area of the library. Staff is asking Council to appropriate the full amount from fund balance at this time.

Marc Wanamaker of Bison Archives and the Beverly Hills Historical Society would like to donate a collection of photos and documents relating to the history of Beverly Hills. These materials fit well within the scope of the historical collection at the Library, and they would be a welcome addition to the Library's collection. Staff is asking Council to accept this donation.

Finally, a local resident has donated a high quality scanner to the Library to be used to support the historical collection at the Library. IT has reviewed the specifications of the unit and has indicated that they can install the unit for the Library. Staff is asking Council to accept this donation.

FISCAL IMPACT

From the Friends of the Library:

\$22,070 to support homebound and pickup service.

From the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills:

\$3000 to support the historical collection at the Library.

From the Samuel Goldwyn Foundation:

\$2000 to support the collection of materials at the Senior Library at Roxbury

From the friends and family of Barbara Sadoff:

\$575 to refinish the chairs in the Children's area of the Library

Miscellaneous donations:

\$924.75 for furnishings in the Children's area of the Library and for materials at the Senior Library at Roxbury.

The other donations are of undetermined dollar value to the Library.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council accept the above listed donations.



Nancy Hunt-Coffey

Approved By