



## CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES STAFF REPORT

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Agenda Item No. 10

**TO:** BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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**TITLE:** Acceptance of Donation from the Friends of the Newport Beach Library

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board of Library Trustees approve the acceptance of the annual donation from the Friends of the Newport Beach Library.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Founded in 1957 by a small group of volunteers, the Friends of the Library takes pride in helping to maintain the excellence of the library system. Annually, staff makes a “wish list” request for funds to supplement the Library’s materials and programming budgets.

The Library has requested funds for general materials, including new print releases, Children’s and YA materials, audiobooks, CDs, and DVDs.

The Friends of the Library have always provided support for Library programming. These funds are used to present the Summer Reading program, author lectures, Sunday Musicales, National Library Week programming, monthly craft programs, First Grade Class Visits, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, CdM Christmas Walk, Young Adult Advisory Council (YAAC) activities, Teen Volunteer Supplies and Training, and Teen programs.

### **FRIENDS WISH LIST FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

#### **General Materials - \$100,000**

Library patrons continue to expect the latest fiction, mysteries, biographies, and nonfiction in a variety of formats. These funds will allow for purchasing multiple copies of high demand newly released titles, which help maintain our hold queues. In addition, Children’s classics, favorites, and newly released books, and expanding the recently introduced and extremely popular Playaway read-along collection, will be purchased. This funding will also support adding movies, music, audiobooks, and video games for all audiences.

**Programming - \$50,000**

Staff continues to develop and host a myriad of programs for the community. The Library wants to sustain its current program offerings as well as introduce new programs as demand continues to increase. Children's staff have created new programs aimed for elementary school-age children. Funding will also continue to support storytimes, craft programs, special performances, and children's author visits. Adult Services staff are adding a new *Writer's Workshop* in response to the success of the Friends-supported *Storyteller's Workshop*. *Meet the Author* and the *Sunday Musicale* series will continue. Funds will also provide for the teen college prep workshops, the Young Adult Advisory Council, and other targeted programming for this age group. Program attendance is strong at all locations. The requested funds will allow staff to support new ideas as well as traditional programs.

**Balboa Branch Opening Day Collection - \$100,000**

Balboa Branch, the Library's oldest operating location, is slated to be rebuilt in 2026. When the brand-new facility on the Peninsula opens, it should have a new, popular collection in place. Balboa's collection will consist of the newest bestsellers and high circulating items as well as some items unique to the rich history of the Peninsula. Funds provided will purchase materials in all formats for all collections at the new branch.

**TOTAL - \$250,000**

**NOTICING:**

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the Board of Library Trustees considers the item).