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Director's Report: JUNE 2022

Agenda Items

- D-1 A work session has been placed on the agenda for the Imperial City Library Board of Trustees to review and discuss the 2022-23 Fiscal Year. A projected budget for the next fiscal year of the Library is attached.
- E-1 The Imperial City Library Board of Trustees has two unscheduled vacancies. A notice was posted on the City website and on the City and Library's social media sites. Applications were accepted thru June 9, 2022. The Library Board will review the applications during the regularly scheduled meeting and provide a recommendation for the Imperial City Council to appoint. A total of seven applications were received and include the following:
- Valentina Estes
 - Rosario Gonzalez
 - Mia Hernandez
 - Joanne Hettinger
 - Elise Martinez
 - Michael Nisperos
 - Lilligh Standiford

Trustee Notes

- President Brown identified items to be discussed during the work session which include library community events, publicity and social media presence, starting a Friends of the Library Group, and the Library Board of Trustees' mission and purpose.

News & Marketing

- ***NEW*Lunch at the Library:** The Imperial Public Library was awarded \$9,050 to provide Lunch at the Library programming. Fifty free meals, summer reading, and learning programming will be provided Monday thru Thursday for children ages 0-18. The Imperial Valley Food Bank will be at the library available to provide information to families during the program. The program will be led by teens funded through the grant. Another component of the program is the **Pop-Up Library** at TL Waggoner. Each Friday, June 17 thru July 8, the Imperial Public Library will provide activities and take-home summer reading and learning packs for every student (330) attending summer school, grades TK thru 6. An additional component is the **Farm to Summer** program

which the UC Desert Research and Extension Center Farm Smart project will provide programming. Lunch at the Library is a project of the California State Library.

- **2022 Summer Reading Program:** The Summer Reading Program will return to in-person programming starting June 20 and will run thru July 29. Participants will explore the theme of “Beyond the Beaten Path” with activities, crafts, and reading. At the end of the program participants will receive passes to (and provided by) the San Diego Natural History Museum, San Diego Automotive Museum, New Children’s Museum in Downtown San Diego, San Diego Archaeological Center, Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve. The following are the age groups and times of programming:
 - Early Learners: Friday 9am 0-18mos, 10:30am 18-36mos, 12pm 3-5yrs, 2:30pm 0-5
 - Children ages 5-12: Monday & Wednesday at 9:30am or Tuesday & Thursday at 1:30pm
 - Teens: Wednesday at 1:30pm
 - Adults: Thursday at 2:45pm
- ***NEW* Teen Makers: Learn, Play, Create, and Cultivate:** The Library is currently accepting applications for Teen Interns ages 15 thru 18 to serve approximately 50 hours from June 20th thru August 12th. Teens will gain social-emotional leadership skills and will design and implement makerspace programs for youth. At the end of their successful completion, teens will receive a \$500 scholarship. This project is supported by funding provided by the State of California administered by the California State Library
- ***NEW* SPROUT: Growing Together:** The California State Library provided notification of funding in the amount of \$84,798 by on May 13, 2022 through its Stronger Together: Early Learning project. The Library’s Farm Garden Program for families with children ages 0 thru 5 is currently being planned.
- ***NEW* STORYWALK®:** Through the California State Library Shared Vision Grant and the partnership of the Parks Department and Imperial Public Library, a StoryWalk will be installed at Eager Park along a pathway that leads to the Library. The StoryWalk will display an illustrated children’s book page by page through the route that can be enjoyed by all. The program promotes literacy, reading, health, exercise, and movement in communities and neighborhoods across the United States. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.
- **Programs Continue and Great Resources Available:** ICOE Storytime, Raise a Reader, Libraries on the Spectrum, Literacy Classes, and Family Literacy Programming will continue through the summer. Zip Books and the California State Library Parks Pass is

a great resource for library card holders especially over the summer. Home Connectivity Kits which include a Chromebook, Hotspot, and Case are available for check-out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ember Haller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "H".

Ember Haller
Community Services Director