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MEMO

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Eve Kelso, on behalf of the Library Commission

RE: Request to Discuss Three New Library Commission Work Plan Items

Three new potential work plan items were brought forward from the Library Commission at both the October 9 and November 5, 2018 Library Commission meetings, after the Work Plan was already approved by the City Council. The Commission is requesting permission to discuss these three items called the “Manhattan Beach Writer Awards,” “Books and Cooks,” and “Book Vending Machines.”

The idea behind the “Manhattan Beach Writer Awards” is that the Library Commission could recognize a writer, journalist, blogger, etc. The hope is that the Manhattan Beach Writer Awards would be an ongoing initiative that might help to bring in members of the community. The anticipated budget is nominal and would include a plaque and/or certificate at each recognition.

The “Books and Cooks” event would be a Library Open House, where doors of the library would be open on a Sunday to bolster the foot traffic into the library. There could be food trucks and entertainment in the parking lot or on the back patio. People could explore upstairs to get a coupon for food discounts. The idea is that this would be an annual event. The anticipated budget would include the cost of entertainment and approximately \$2 per person for food discounts.

The “Book Vending Machines” could hold a variety of books at one or various locations, giving limited library access to more people. The costs of the book vending machines would include the machine(s), ongoing book supplies and staff to replenish the books on a regular basis. More research is needed.

The frequency and specifics of these items are up for discussion. The Commission requests permission to pursue these item and ultimately present a proposal to the City Council.

Thank you,

Eve Kelso
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