



**REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: June 17, 2008

SUBJECT: Yolo Literacy Council renews annual commitment to Library Literacy Service

**Report in Brief**

The Yolo Literacy Council envisions that every Yolo County resident will have the opportunity and resources needed to become literate. It is their mission to enhance community awareness of literacy programs and promote the benefits of literacy within the community. It is the Yolo Literacy Council's goal to nurture and encourage the Literacy Service's staff, volunteers and literacy advocates. This grant of \$4,000 will be used for general operating expenses of the Woodland Public Library Literacy Service.

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the \$4,000 grant from the Yolo Literacy Council for the specific purpose of implementing the Literacy Service.

**Background**

The Woodland Public Library Literacy Service has for the past 21 years met the needs of those seeking instruction in basic literacy skills such as reading, writing and comprehension through its volunteer, one-on-one tutoring of adult students. In addition to the general literacy program, the Library provides inmate literacy tutoring programs at both Monroe Detention Center and Juvenile Hall. Staff is currently in the process of developing a homeless tutoring program in collaboration with the Yolo Wayfarer Center.

**Discussion**

Funding from the Yolo Literacy Council is used to augment other funding from the State of California, Yolo County Sheriff and Probation Departments, WJUSD, Library Foundation, the City of Woodland and private and corporation foundation funding. The total program serves 93 adult learners, 65 volunteer tutors, 30 participants from *No Barriers*, 25 inmates, and a projected 75 homeless over the coming year.

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no impact on the City General Fund. The grant will be used exclusively for operating expenses of the literacy program in Fund 301.

**Recommendation for Action**

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the \$4,000 grant from the Yolo Literacy Council for the specific purpose of implementing the Literary Service.

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