



# Agenda Item

## Orange City Council

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**1/27/2026**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THRU:** Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager

**FROM:** Leslie Hardy, Community and Library Services Director

### 1. SUBJECT

Appropriation of \$10,000 in designated donation funding received from Carnegie Corporation of New York.

### 2. SUMMARY

Donation funds from Carnegie Corporation of New York will be used to enhance and expand the Library's resources.

### 3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Accept into the City's General Fund (100) revenue budget \$10,000 in donation funds from Carnegie Corporation of New York to:

100-2101-48101-262103-48 Donations

2. Authorize the appropriation of \$10,000 to General Fund (100):

100-2101-80101-262103-20 Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment

### 4. FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact to the City. The additional revenue received from Carnegie Corporation of New York will fund the expense for these services.

### 5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 3: Enhance Public Communication Strategy and Quality of Life

### 6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

Andrew Carnegie donated \$10,000 to Orange Public Library at the turn-of-the-century, allowing construction of a new building that opened in 1908 at its current location on E. Chapman Ave. In recognition of its Carnegie Library roots, the Orange Public Library has been awarded a \$10,000 donation from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

In honor of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, each Carnegie Library in the nation has received a similar gift in recognition of Andrew Carnegie's support of free public libraries, which he described as "cradles of democracy" that foster civic participation and bring people together. Donation funds will be used towards furniture and fixtures to enhance and expand

public areas at the Orange Public Libraries.

## **7. ATTACHMENTS**

- Carnegie Libraries 250 Award Letter