



# Agenda Item

## City Council

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**THRU:** Tom Kisela, City Manager  
**FROM:** Leslie Hardy, Community & Library Services Director

### 1. SUBJECT

Appropriation of \$13,826.98 in designated disbursement and grant funding received from Santiago Library System, California Library Association, and California State Library.

### 2. SUMMARY

Disbursement and grant funds from Santiago Library System, California Library Association, and California State Library which will be used to enhance and expand the Library's collections, programming, and resources.

### 3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Accept into the City's revenue budget \$13,826.98 in disbursement and grant funds from Santiago Library System, California Library Association, and California State Library to General Fund (100) as follows:

100.2001.48390.19988	Santiago Library System	\$3,603.98
100.2001.45495.30121	Lunch at the Library	\$10,223

2. Authorize the appropriation of \$13,826.98 from Santiago Library System, California Library Association, and California State Library to General Fund (100) as follows:

100.2001.53301.19988	Santiago Library System	\$3,603.98
100.2016.53340.30121	Lunch at the Library	\$10,223

### 4. FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact to the City. The additional revenue received from Santiago Library System, California Library Association, and California State Library will fund the expense for these services.

### 5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 3: Enhance Economic Development and Achieve Fiscal Sustainability

Objective 2.7: Plan, coordinate, and present 2025 Summer Reading Club by June 2025.

### 6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

The Orange Public Library has been presented with a \$3,603.98 disbursement from Santiago Library

System (SLS). SLS is a membership consortium of Orange County libraries that receives money from the State and disburses annually to member libraries. This disbursement to the Library has been provided for e-content products and services. Funds will purchase additional eBooks and eAudiobooks from cloudLibrary to expand the Library's collection.

The Orange Public Library has been awarded a \$10,223 Lunch at the Library Grant for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY25). The California Library Association and California State Library have generously provided support to our Library to ensure children's bodies and minds are well-fed this summer. This program is made possible through the dedication of trained Library staff and by a collaboration with Orange Unified School District, which also distributes food at lunchtime to other locations around the community. For many children in low-income communities, the stability and nutrition offered by the lunches they get at school ends with summer vacation. Summer meal programs like Lunch at the Library help combat childhood hunger and obesity by providing free healthy meals to children in low-income neighborhoods while connecting them with library resources and programming.

This summer, children visiting El Modena Branch Library at lunchtime will receive a lunch, crafts, free books, and a Summer Reading Log to track their reading. They will also participate in Farm To Table programs and activities provided by Discovery Cube Orange County. Grant monies will also fund paid interns to assist staff with coordination and oversight of the program. Last year, the Library served 1,487 meals to children, a 28% increase over the previous year; families who participated in Lunch at the Library collectively experienced \$7,806.75 in food savings. All funds must be spent or encumbered by the end of January 2026.

## **7. ATTACHMENTS**

- FY25 Lunch at the Library Grant Award Letter
- FY25 Lunch at the Library Grant Claim Form