



Tulare County Library

COUNTY OF TULARE

AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: October 30, 2007

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>						

CONTACT PERSON: Brian Lewis PHONE: 733-6954 ext 201

SUBJECT: Tulare County Library Jail House Rocks Adult Literacy Program – Proliteracy America Award.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept a Proliteracy America Award acknowledging the Tulare County Library Adult Literacy Program in the amount of \$1,770 (\$1,270 award and a \$500 certificate for books).
2. Approve the necessary budget adjustments per the attached Aud 308.

SUMMARY:

ProLiteracy America solicited nominations for U.S. Program Innovation Awards, acknowledging innovative ways literacy programs are addressing the unique needs of the adult learners in their communities. Tulare County Library READ TO SUCCEED implemented an innovative partnership between the Tulare County Library and Tulare County Sheriff's Department who developed a program at Tulare County Jails – called JAIL HOUSE ROCKS. This six-week module program addresses Adult Basic Education, Workforce Development Literacy, Health Literacy, Financial Literacy and Early Literacy issues with selected inmate groups (usually between 12 and 15 inmates). The program design, and the "grass roots" nature were responsible for this training team including Pat Habeck, Chuck Boyer, Lavonne Gaston, Jerry Seuss and Sabrina Barber the prestigious award of INNOVATIVE PROGRAM OF THE YEAR. The award includes \$1270 cash award to be used for instructional material as well a \$500 certificate for books and materials for the

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program. Pat will accept the award for the team at the upcoming Alexandria conference. Additionally, Pat has been invited to present a two hour workshop on how this program works, as well as our successes and challenges.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Approve Increasing the following budget lines:

010 145 2800 7320 Other Revenue \$ 1,270

010 145 2800 2200 Special Departmental Expense \$ 1,270

There is no net County Cost.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

JAIL HOUSE ROCKS addresses Initiative #1 Safety and Security - Provide for the Safety and security of the public. Under our Goal #3 we identify the need to "promote crime prevention by addressing contributors to crime including substance abuse, domestic violence, mental health issues, truancy, illiteracy, and gang activity." We firmly believe that as inmates are offered and accept the opportunity to improve literacy skills, they will be less likely to re-offend and return to past ways of life.


ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to recognize the program or the award.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

The success of the program is totally contingent upon the professional partnership between Cheryl Cereghino, Tulare County Sheriff's Department Inmate Programs Manager and Patricia Habeck, Tulare County Library READ TO SUCCEED Library Programs and Literacy Specialist.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Brian Lewis
County Librarian

Cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Aud 308

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF Acceptance of a Proliteracy)
Program Award for the Jailhouse Rocks Program) **RESOLUTION NO.** _____
An Adult Literacy Program) **AGREEMENT NO.** _____

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN ROUSSEAU
 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
 CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
 Deputy Clerk

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