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LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2022
TO: LIBRARY COMMISSION
FROM: BARBARA LOCKWOOD, CITY LIBRARIAN, *BL*
SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT
MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2022

BACKGROUND:

Section 18927 of the California Education Code states:

The board of library trustees, or if there is no board of trustees, then the administrative head of the library shall, in each year, report to the legislative body of the municipality and to the State Librarian on the condition of the library, for the year ending the 30th day of June preceding. The reports shall, in addition to other matters deemed expedient by the board of trustees or administrative head of the library, contain such statistical and other information as is deemed desirable by the State Librarian. For this purpose the State Librarian may send to the several boards of trustees or administrative heads of the library instructions or question blanks so as to obtain the material for a comparative study of library conditions in the state.

The deadline for submission of the report is November 4, 2022. This statistical report is attached. A full narrative report will be submitted to the Library Commission at the December meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Due to the COVID epidemic the Library has reported some unusual statistics for the past two years. Library visits increased from 9,200 last fiscal year to 65,000 this fiscal year as we went from appointment based circulation to full opening of the building. However, this number is considerably less than the usual 150,000 annual visits in a normal year. This past January we closed for two weeks because of a staff COVID outbreak. For several months we also restricted library visits to only vaccinated people. We conducted most of our programs online or outside.

We offered less virtual programming this year as people went back to work and school. We increased in-person programs from the previous year but not to the levels of normal years. Attendance was restricted for safety reasons.

Item use has also changed. Electronic use of library materials has surpassed physical item circulation. More people learned how to use our virtual collections when the library building was closed. In addition, the State Library funded many new databases for public libraries.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Vote to approve the report for submission to the State Librarian.

ATTACHMENT:

California State Annual Public Library Survey