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Health, Education and Neighborhood Councils Committee
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LIBRARY RESPONSE - YOUTH PROGRAM SURVEY

Please find attached the Los Angeles Public Library's response to the Committee's request for the Youth Program Survey (Council File No. 16-0596).

Our youth programs serve all ages of young people in the City of Los Angeles, from infants to teens as they head off to college and beyond. Read, Baby, Read encourages new parents to read to their child with a new baby kit including a tiny t-shirt, as well as a book and tips for parents on the importance of reading with their new baby. Our outreach staff goes to birthing clinics, hospitals, and other health care organizations to provide materials and information.

Several of our programs for children have been a staple of library services for many years, including storytimes, after school activities, summer reading, and volunteer opportunities. We offer several opportunities for teens in the areas of college and career readiness - one of the newer programs is Teens Leading Change (TLC) which gives teens in a chance to design and implement a project that engages them in the civic life of their community and challenges them to develop solutions for some difficult issues.

We have a proud tradition of partnering with city departments and community organizations throughout the City. Our partnership with LAUSD has provided a special, no-fines, library card to every student. The LAPD's Department of Community Outreach and Engagement visits neighborhood libraries to read aloud to children and increase positive experiences for families.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John F. Szabo
City Librarian

Attachment

Cc: Susan Broman, LAPL
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Youth Program Survey: Fiscal Year 2017-18

- 1) Please complete the survey and email the final copy to cao.youthsurvey@lacity.org.
- 2) Description of your Department's existing efforts to coordinate youth services among City Departments section is at the last row of the survey.

Department: Library Department		Contact Person: Madeline Bryant	Phone #: 213-228-7371		E-mail: mbryant@lapl.org	
Youth Program Title	Description of Services Provided	Funding Source (General Fund or Provide Specific Special Fund Title)	Amount	Number Served	Number Served (Actual or Estimated)	Age Range of Number Served
We Read Together (WRT) Spaces	Welcoming spaces within the children's area of the library that support early learning by offer enriching and developmentally appropriate toys, equipment, and furniture for young children and their families. The experiences, resources, and interactions provided by these spaces help build brain development and fuel a love of learning.	Library Foundation of Los Angeles	55,000	unknown		
El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day)	Commonly known as Dia, this nationally recognized initiative culminates each year on April 30 and emphasizes a year-long commitment to celebrating the importance of literacy for children of all backgrounds.	Library Foundation of Los Angeles	25,550	1,258		Ages 5-11
LA PLays!	Circulating play kits that support and encourage the Every Child Ready to Read early literacy skills. Each kit contains a toy, a book and a list of suggested activities for parents, caregivers and children to do at home together.	Library Foundation of Los Angeles	17,500	2,263		Ages 0-11
Learn and Play	Storytime program series that demonstrates to parents early literacy skills in action and emphasizes hands-on exploration and learning with free materials that participants can take home.	Library Foundation of Los Angeles	20,000	1,179		Ages 0-5
Read, Baby, Read!	Library outreach & partnerships with hospitals and health care organizations to provide materials and information on early literacy to expecting parents and those with infants under one year old. New parents will read, talk, play, write and sing with their babies and come to the library for free information, resources, and programs. Every new baby in Los Angeles will receive their own free library card.	Library Foundation of Los Angeles	50,000	1,579		Ages 0-12 months

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STAR (Story Telling and Reading)	Trained volunteers who reads books and tells stories with children at their local library. This program brings children and adults together from diverse cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds to share in the joy of reading.	Library Foundation of Los Angeles	22,000	26,234		Ages 0-11
Storytimes and performers	High-quality, interactive and engaging storytimes and other programs for a variety of ages and abilities including: baby and toddler story and playtime, preschool storytime, sensory storytime, family storytime, puppet shows, arts and crafts, book clubs, and more.	City of Los Angeles and Library Foundation of Los Angeles	35,000	151,659		PreK-age 11
Career Readiness	Job skills and work readiness workshops include how to write a cover or inquiry letter and resumé, interview etiquette and appropriate dress, mock interviews, customer service skills and more.	LA Chamber of Commerce	-	1,052		Ages 14-18
Teens Leading Change (TLC)	Teen designed and implemented civic engagement/civic empowerment projects that engage and inform youth about their communities and their libraries. Mini grants of \$100 - \$5,000 will be given to teen projects related to: Library Advocacy/ Information Literacy, Cultural & Community Conversations /Archives, Know Your Rights/Citizenship, Net Neutrality/Privacy, Voter Registration/Rights.	Library Foundation of Los Angeles	68,000	677		Ages 14-18
Student Smart	Operated in partnership with the Princeton Review, Student Smart provides students with the tools to improve their study skills through free workshops, and helps prepare students for college entrance exams, college applications and college life through motivational seminars and test-taking practice sessions.	Library Foundation of Los Angeles	80,000	1,941		Ages 13 - 18

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Student Zones	Designated study area with internet or laptop computers reserved for students in grades K-12. In addition to computers, school assignment-related printouts and basic school supplies are available free of charge, as well as assistance finding books and information online, and online tutoring via Live Homework Help. Student Zone Helpers are at 34 of our branches.	Library Foundation of Los Angeles	74,000	29,106		Ages 5-18
Teen Council	Tweens and teens who earn community service hours, gain leadership and project management skills by assisting in planning teen library programs and projects, (re) designing/(re) decorating teen library spaces, advising/recommending items to add to teen library collections, and more.		-	3,139		Ages 11-18
Teen Read Month (October)	Nationally recognized, yearly celebrations which libraries highlight with special events, displays, and booklists.		-	4,000		Ages 11-18
Teen Tech Month (March)	Nationally recognized, yearly celebrations which libraries highlight with special events, displays, and booklists.			3,581		Ages 11-18
<u>Tutor.com</u>	Professionally trained, experienced tutors are available free of charge to students in grades K-12, as well as adult learners and Spanish speakers, in a range of subjects every day from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. for one-on-one online help with homework, skills building and test prep.		320,000	41,761		Ages 4 - 19
VolunTEENS	Teens who earn community service hours and gain leadership skills by participating in Teen Council, assist with Student Zones and additional library programs, projects and events. Includes eligibility for President's Volunteer Service Award.		8,000	2,403		Ages 14-18

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Full STEAM Ahead	STEAM programs are structured to encourage communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity, and included topics such as simple robotics, stop-motion animation, 3D design and printing, Virtual and Augmented Reality, content creation and Citizen Science. In addition, LAPL hosts the annual DTLA Mini Maker Faire.	Library Foundation of Los Angeles and various grants	232,605	35,804		
Summer and Winter Reading Challenges	Fun, free and inclusive reading programs designed to mitigate "summer slide" and keep participants engaged in reading during summer and winter breaks. Includes a reading goal as well as wide variety of activities and events that promote learning and encourage reading for pleasure.	Library Foundation of Los Angeles	191,350	28,996	2017/18 Winter - 1,98820	Ages 0-18
Summer Lunch	Work with state and local partners to deliver nutritious lunches to children and teens at 16 locations across the city. In addition to summer meals, summer lunch sites provide participants with a safe and welcoming space, learning and enrichment opportunities, and an introduction to the library's diverse services and resources.	Library Foundation of Los Angeles	8,000	11,611		Ages 1-18
Summer Author	The Summer Author Series, held in conjunction with the Library's Summer @ the Library program, strives to inspire and motivate young readers by giving them the opportunity to meet and connect with distinguished local authors and illustrators.	Library Foundation of Los Angeles	45,000	1,341		Ages 3-18

Description of your Department's existing efforts to coordinate youth services among City Departments: Outreach & partnerships - Collaborations with community organizations to emphasize the importance of the library and to demonstrate and showcase the library's wealth of resources (examples include the Children's Bureau, Headstarts, Housing Authority of Los Angeles, Volunteers of America, WIC, YMCA) Collaborations with community organizations to emphasize the importance of the library and to demonstrate and showcase the library's wealth of resources (examples include Housing Authority of Los Angeles, LA Area Chamber of Commerce, local and regional colleges and universities, Volunteers of America, YMCA) School visits: Visits to LAUSD, charter, private and parochial schools to talk about importance of the library, demonstrate and instruct on library resources, share stories, and encourage visits to local branches. Includes class visits, teacher meetings, parent meetings, back-