

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: October 17, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Regina Reed, Library Director

THROUGH: Crystal Caldera, City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation and Discussion on becoming a Family Place Library - R. Reed, Library Director

SPONSOR(S): N/A

PURPOSE

In February 2023, the library received a grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) to become a Family Place Library. The Family Place Libraries™ initiative promotes a national model for transforming public libraries into welcoming, developmentally appropriate early learning environments for young children, their parents, and caregivers. Based on research about the importance of early brain development, the Family Place Library supports the essential role of parents as first teachers and addresses the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive aspects of child development to help build a foundation for learning during the critical first years of life. By partnering and working with other social, health, and educational services providers, the Family Place model aims to ensure that all children enter school ready and able to learn and positions libraries as key early childhood and family support organizations within the local community.

SEE LEON VALLEY

Social – Creates a space for family play and networking for parents.

Economic – Introduces parents to resources they may not have access to otherwise.

Environmental – N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Received a grant for \$6000 plus Training.

STRATEGIC GOALS

Goal #7D: Create, enhance, and improve educational and cultural programs

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

ATTEST:

SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Secretary