




Date: May 21, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske, Fifth District 

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: Seventh Annual Library Round Up - I Love My Public Library Project**

Discussion:

The City has had to cut back on the materials and events budget of our libraries for the past several years. In 2007, the 5th Council District launched "Library Round Up" with the non-profit, Friends of the Long Beach Public Library, as a way to "round up" spare change that could be used for funding materials and events at Fifth District libraries. Collection boxes were placed in Ruth Bach and El Dorado libraries and at local businesses. The spare change was collected and donated to the Friends of the Long Beach Public Library, which in turn contributed funds to restore an entire paperback book collection and to host several children's events.

In February, the Long Beach City Council voted to expand this program and place collection boxes in every Long Beach Public Library to raise funds to help with the purchase of books and materials for the City's libraries.

Library Round Up collection boxes were placed at the libraries for the months of February – April (National Library Month). Patrons of the City's libraries donated money by adding their spare change to the collection boxes when they visited.

During this year's "round up," libraries collected \$800.09, and an additional \$200 was donated through other sources.

Libraries collected as follows:

Main Branch:	\$109.79
Alamitos:	\$52.40
Ruth Bach	\$74.40
Bay Shore	\$94.27
Brewitt	\$31.56
Burnett	\$.53
Dana	\$55.20
El Dorado	\$134.05
Bret Harte	\$65.60
Los Altos	\$63.67
Mark Twain	\$53.00
North	\$65.62

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Outside Donations \$200.00

Fiscal Impact:

This effort provides \$1000 to the Friends of the Long Beach Public Library, increasing materials and programming at Long Beach libraries.

Recommendation:

Motion to receive and file report on the Seventh Annual Library Round Up.