

AGENDA



Thursday, September 25, 2008

**Library
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 35**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$2,500 in grant funds from the American Library Association for a total grant amount of \$2,500 for the Let's Talk About It: Love and Forgiveness in the Light of Death grant program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to appropriate \$2,500.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the American Library Association. The grant period is August 30, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Let's Talk About It: Love and Forgiveness in the Light of Death is a grant program supported by the American Library Association. The University Hills Branch Library will hold five public discussion groups, bringing the community together to discuss the following five books: The Dead by James Joyce, Jazz by Toni Morrison, Paula by Isabel Allende, Disgrace by J.M.Coetzee, and The Death of Ivan Illych by Leo Tolstoy. The discussions will be led by The Reverend Doctor Margaret Izutsu.

The grant will fund the purchase of the books for the discussion groups, a partial honorarium for The Reverend Doctor Izutsu, and travel expenses for the Austin Public Library Project Director to attend out-of-state training in October 2008.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.