



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1728, **Agenda Item #:** 64.

5/6/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an agreement with Austin Montessori Schools to allow student participation in the Library Cards for All Students Program, which offers a full-purpose student library card to all students enrolled in Austin Montessori Schools, and waiving youth non-resident library card fees in an amount not to exceed \$2,880.

Lead Department

Austin Public Library

Fiscal Note

The waiver of these fees will result in unrealized revenue estimated at \$2,880 for the FY 2020-21 Austin Public Library Department's budget. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

On January 27, 2021, Council authorized execution of an agreement with Austin Achieve Public Schools for the Library Cards for All Students Program. On October 29, 2020, Council authorized execution of interlocal agreements with Del Valle Independent School District and Austin Independent School District for the Library Cards for All Students Program.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Austin Public Library (APL) and Austin Montessori Schools (AMS) have the shared goal of removing barriers and closing the opportunity gap by providing students easy access and use of the APL system through the Library Cards for All Students Program.

Through this agreement, AMS will be able to request a student library card for their enrolled students. In addition, the parent or legal guardian would give permission for AMS to share personally identifiable information about their child that APL needs to issue a student library card.

This program will offer students, who may be otherwise unaware of or unable to access, free valuable Library resources. The student card offers full library privileges, including access to the library's physical and virtual materials. Students and their families may access homework, reference, and research assistance from APL staff by phone, live chat, videoconference, text, or in person during all of our operating hours.

This RCA will authorize the execution of an agreement to commence on the execution date and shall continue through November 1, 2022. The parties may choose to renew the agreement for up to four additional 12-

month terms. City staff will execute an agreement with AMS that will outline the terms and conditions of the arrangement. Austin Montessori School anticipates that there may be up to 12 non-resident students at the school over the course of the agreement term. The ordinance waives the non-resident youth library card fees to allow these students to participate in the same manner as resident students of the school.

APL's goal is to give student library cards to every student in Travis County.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Culture and Lifelong Learning.