



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Todd Fabian, Library Director

DATE: April 16, 2024

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Gift Award through Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services worth \$734.90.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council accept the gift of materials to the Concord Public Library from Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services that total in value at \$734.90.

Background

Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (NDHHS), a small nonprofit organization in Concord, received a grant through Concord Hospital in March 2022 to expand NHHS's Shared Reading Program. Originally, the program was designed for families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing to learn how to sign a book using American Sign Language (ASL) and to help families apply research-based book sharing strategies specific to children who are deaf or hard of hearing. The grant allowed the program to be offered 5 times a year to any interested family with children ages 0-5 at the public library. The program included interpreters for the deaf and hearing as well as an instructor. The grant was extended for a second year and included money for six Literacy Kits (Lit Kits)—book bags complete with books and other materials to help families incorporate literacy and ASL knowledge and instruction at home.

Discussion

The Lit Kits, worth a total of \$734.90, will be delivered to the Concord Public Library and once approved will be circulated through the Children's Library of Things collection.