

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Library *ke*

BOARD AGENDA # *B-11

Urgent Routine *pk*

AGENDA DATE January 29, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept a Donation to the Stanislaus County Library from the Aileen Gisler Revocable Trust in the Amount of \$139,271.58 for Programming, Books and Materials to Enhance Children and Teen Services at the Modesto Branch

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept a donation from the Aileen Gisler Revocable Trust in the amount of \$139,271.58.
2. Authorize the expenditure of the donation to be applied towards programming, books and other materials for services to children and teens at the Modesto Branch.
3. Direct the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations and estimated revenue in the Library budget unit in the amount of \$139,271.58 as detailed in the Budget Journal Form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County Library is requesting authorization to expend \$139,271.58 for programming and materials to enhance services to children and teens at the Modesto Branch. There will be no increased costs to the County General Fund associated with this request.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-074

On motion of Supervisor DeMartini, Seconded by Supervisor Grover
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION: **THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR AND PLACED ON NON-CONSENT**

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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DISCUSSION:

Aileen T. Gisler was a resident of Stanislaus County. In her latest Revocable Trust of 2005 ("Trust"), Ms. Gisler had named the Stanislaus County Library, Modesto Branch as one of the beneficiaries of the Trust.

In October of 2006, the Stanislaus County Library was notified by Gianelli & Associates, the attorney office handling the Estate of Aileen T. Gisler that Ms. Gisler had passed away and the Library would receive an endowment.

In September of 2007, the Library was contacted by Gianelli & Associates and was informed that the accounting firm had completed the financial audit of the Trust. At the same time, the Library was requested to accept the donation in the amount of \$139,271.58. In the legal document, it stated "all funds distributed under the Trust may be immediately applied to satisfy any needs of the Library which exist at the time." Hence, the Library plans to use the donation to provide additional programming, books and other materials that will enhance services to children and teens at the Modesto Branch.

Services to teens and children promote the educational and recreational benefits of the Library by encouraging reading and the pursuit of information and knowledge. The Library has found that many of the existing children and teen programs have attracted attendants who have expressed interest in additional programs on specific topics. This donation would be applied to programs and services like increasing the number of events held during Summer Reading Club, expanding Spanish language Storytimes, or providing presentations by authors of interest to children, teens, parents or those who work with children. Electronic resources and games events would enhance Library programming during ALA's Teen Tech Week. Programs that encourage teens in writing, other forms of artistic expression, or introduce them to poetry provide an avenue for expanding students' use of the Library and what it offers. This donation would also provide funds to augment book collections in Spanish for children, popular sections of teen literature, and collections highlighted by these services and programs. Therefore, the Library would recommend using the donation to enrich the children and teen programming and book budgets.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Board of Supervisors should determine if approval of the recommended actions is consistent with its priorities of striving for a strong local economy and the efficient delivery of public services.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

