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Legislation Text

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Library recommending the Board consider the following:

- 1) Accept funding in the amount of \$90,000 from the California State Library for the purchase of equipment and supplies to establish a mobile learning center for young children and their caregivers, and to share early literacy resources with libraries throughout the state; and
- 2) Authorize the Chair to sign the Financial Claim and Grant Award Certification requesting grant funding.

FUNDING: Library Services and Technology Act funding administered by the California State Library.

BUDGET SUMMARY:	
Total Estimated Cost.....	\$90,000
Budgeted.....	
New Funding.....	\$90,000
Savings.....	
Other.....	
Total Funding Available.....	\$90,000
Change To Net County Cost.....	\$0

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost

No change to Net County Cost. Funding will be included in the Department's budget in the FY 2013-14 Budget Addenda.

Background

In April 2013, the California State Library invited public libraries to "Pitch an Idea" for a new project that could qualify for federal Library and Services Act funding. The Library's Learning2Go project is based on our experience in providing early literacy educational programs with funding from First 5 El Dorado, and on research such as a recent Pew Research Institute report that found that libraries provide a cost-effective and efficient role in providing early education.

Reason for Recommendation

The purpose of the Learning2Go grant is to provide resources, opportunities and support for young children and their parents and adult caregivers to engage together in early learning activities, particularly emphasizing the role play. The grant will fund three basic areas of focus:

- 1) Bookmobile/Playmobile. Our current bookmobile will receive a colorful vinyl wrap and will be stocked with hands-on manipulatives for many play and learning activities including art, science, and math. The bookmobile/playmobile will be taken to community events, apartment complexes, preschools and child care sites.

- 2) Staff will create Early Learning Kits that will allow childcare providers, preschool teachers and parents to have access to, and training on, using developmentally appropriate materials and resources.
- 3) Working closely with the California State Library, we will create online videos, templates, and training materials for libraries throughout the state.

Action(s) to be taken following Board approval

Board Clerk to return Financial Claim and Certification Form to Library for submission to State Library.

Library staff to implement grant activities.

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