Sacramento Public Library Authority

November 30, 2011 Agenda Item 12.0: LSTA Grant: Freedom Readers

TO: **Sacramento Public Library Authority Board Members**

FROM: **Rivkah K. Sass, Library Director**

RE: **LSTA Grant: Freedom Readers**

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Adopt Resolution 11-57**,** A Resolution Accepting the FY 2011-12 California State Library Grant from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) for the Freedom Readers Literacy Program

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Freedom Readers Literacy Program
In FY 2010-11, funding through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) allowed the Sacramento Public Library and the Isleton Elementary School to pilot a program (The Wonder of Reading) providing literacy support at the school by placing a full-time credentialed teacher on-site to address the needs of 70 of the lowest performing children in the school with intensive reading intervention activities for students and their families provided by staff at the Isleton Library adjacent to Isleton Elementary School.

In the first year of the project, **67%** of the students increased their ELA CST proficiency level at least one level, which contributed to **20% more** of students scoring in the Proficient or Advanced levels on annual standardized test instruments. The second year of the grant seeks to continue the groundwork laid during the first grant period, and to continue the improvement in reading scores for identified students, encourage more interaction with their local library, and increases in program attendance and library usage.

The California State Library has approved the grant application from Sacramento Public Library for a total of $75,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 11-57, A Resolution Accepting the FY 2011-12 California State Library Grant from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) for the Freedom Readers Literacy Program.

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RESOLUTION NO. 11-57

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Sacramento Public Library Authority on the date of:

November 30, 2011

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FY 2011-12 CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY GRANT FROM THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA) FOR THE FREEDOM READERS LITERACY PROGRAM

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The California State Library grant from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) for the Freedom Readers Literacy Program in the amount of $75,500 is accepted.

2. The Library Director is authorized to execute all necessary documents pertaining to the acceptance of this grant on behalf of the Authority.

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Sandy Sheedy, Chair

ATTEST:

Rivkah K. Sass, Secretary

By: _____
Brenda Haggard, Assistant Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

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