



AGENDA REPORT

TO: Jestin D. Johnson
City Administrator


FROM: Jamie Turbak
Director of Library Services

SUBJECT: Library Agreement with City of Emeryville

DATE: February 5, 2026

City Administrator Approval

Date:


Jestin Johnson (Apr 9, 2026 12:05:53 PDT)

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution 1) Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement With City Of Emeryville To Receive Four Hundred And Fifty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars And No Cents (\$459,827) To Provide Oakland Public Library Services To Emeryville Residents For Fiscal Years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, And 2028-2029; And 2) Accepting And Appropriating Said Funds

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed resolution will authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement, accept and appropriate four hundred and fifty-nine thousand eight hundred twenty-seven dollars and no cents (\$459,827) from the City of Emeryville to provide Oakland Public Library (OPL) services for three (3) fiscal years:

- a. FY 2026-27: \$145,861 (one hundred forty-five thousand eight hundred sixty-one dollars)
- b. FY 2027-28: \$153,154 (one hundred fifty-three thousand one hundred fifty-four dollars)
- c. FY 2028-29: \$160,812 (one hundred sixty thousand eight hundred twelve dollars)

This revenue will be deposited and appropriated to the City of Oakland's General Purpose Fund (1010) in project numbers to be assigned. Approval of this resolution extends a three-year agreement that expires on June 30, 2026 and provides a five percent (5%) annual cost escalation over the amount paid by City of Emeryville in FY2025-26 of \$138,915.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On July 18, 2023, the Oakland City Council passed Resolution No. [89853 C.M.S.](#) authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement for library services with the City of Emeryville for three years. This agreement expires on June 30, 2026. Because there are no public libraries in the City of Emeryville, the OPL's Golden Gate Branch serves as the primary public

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library for Emeryville residents. Since 1998, the City of Emeryville has paid the City of Oakland annually for the provision of library services.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Approval of this resolution will allow City of Oakland to receive \$459,827 through June 30, 2029 for the provision of public library services to the residents of Emeryville. This resolution advances the Citywide priority of **responsive, trustworthy government** because the revenue will enhance the General Purpose Fund (1010) and there is no increase in expense to the General Purpose Fund caused by this action. About forty (40) percent of patrons who register for a library card at Golden Gate Branch Library live in Emeryville and the circulation of materials used by Emeryville residents is about five (5) percent of total OPL system circulation.

The City of Emeryville has alternative options of entering into an agreement with City of Berkeley or County of Alameda for the provision of library services. If this were to happen, OPL would continue to serve Emeryville residents because of State of California laws governing “universal borrowing” requirements for public library systems. This means that there would be neither savings to the City of Oakland nor revenue generated by declining to enter into this agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

As noted above, there is a positive fiscal impact to the General Purpose Fund. Revenue will be deposited and appropriated to the General Purpose Fund (1010) in project numbers to be assigned.

The authorization to enter into this agreement will commence on the date of the approval of this resolution and continue until June 30, 2029 for a total not to exceed four hundred and fifty-nine thousand eight hundred twenty-seven dollars and no cents (\$459,827).

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

No public outreach was required in the development of this report and resolution.

COORDINATION

This report and legislation were reviewed by the Budget Bureau and the Office of the City Attorney.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: This agreement provides City of Oakland four hundred and fifty-nine thousand eight hundred twenty-seven dollars and no cents (\$459,827) through June 30, 2029.

Environmental: There are no environmental opportunities identified in this report.

Race & Equity: The revenue generated by this agreement will enhance the overburdened General Purpose Fund which is the primary fund source for the The Department of Race and Equity and The Department of Violence Prevention. These two departments guide Oakland Public Library on how to better advance racial equity and minimize disparities in outcomes by race.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution 1) authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with City of Emeryville to receive four hundred and fifty-nine thousand eight hundred twenty-seven dollars and no cents (\$459,827) to provide Oakland Public Library services to Emeryville residents for fiscal years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029; and 2) accepting and appropriating said funds.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Jamie Turbak, Director of Library Services at (510) 238-6610.

Respectfully submitted,



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