

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

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| MEETING DATE May 17, 2016 | AGENDA ITEM NUMBER |
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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors
FROM: Sami Pierson, Library Director
THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager
ISSUE: Accepting the Great Stories Grant

BACKGROUND:

Coos Bay Public Library has been selected to receive a competitive grant from the American Library Association (ALA) to host a reading and discussion program designed for at-risk teens. As one of the 75 *Great Stories Club* grant recipients selected from across the country, the library will work with a group of teen girls from the Wineva Johnson Center for Girls to read and discuss three books in which young adult narrators use the creative arts to move past challenges. The grant provides staff training, staff travel, books, and educational materials.

ADVANTAGES:

By accepting the grant, Coos Bay Library will be able to offer programming for a group of at-risk teens in the community.

DISADVANTAGES:

None.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None.

ACTION REQUESTED:

It is staff's recommendation the City Council accept the Great Stories Grant.