



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 10, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Laura Pappani, County Librarian**

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Board of Supervisors to execute an agreement between the County of Nevada and the Friends of the Libraries of Nevada County pertaining to fundraising, the Doris Foley Library for Historical Research, and general support for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2023

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: Services, supplies, and staffing costs for the Doris Foley Library for Historical Research were included in the 2017/18 adopted budget. All costs associated with this agreement are to be paid from the Library Fund and there is no impact on the General Fund.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2010, the Friends of the Libraries of Nevada County (Friends) took over the operation of the Doris Foley Library for Historical Research (Foley) from the Library at a time when the Library was facing fiscal challenges due to the Great Recession. Since that time, the Friends have provided excellent customer service and research expertise to patrons who use the Foley's unique resources to conduct in-depth research on local history and genealogy. The Friends have continued to fund the costs of operating the Foley since 2010, as well as managing the day-to-day operations.

With the passage of Library sales tax Measure A, the Friends requested that the County Library resume oversight of the Foley, both fiscally and through the assignment of County staff to handle long-range planning and day-to-day operations. This Resolution addresses the process of transferring responsibilities and costs for Foley operations from the Friends to the County, while continuing the invaluable assistance given by the Friends to the County Library via fundraising efforts and expert volunteers at the Foley.

The Nevada County Community Library thanks the Friends wholeheartedly for their operation of the Doris Foley Library for the past seven years.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Laura Pappani, County Librarian