



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 10, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Laura Pappani, County Librarian**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving an agreement between the County of Nevada and the San Juan Ridge Community Library to support operation of the San Juan Ridge Community Library in the amount of \$50,000 for the period October 10, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the agreement

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: Costs for operational support to the San Juan Ridge Community Library were included in the Library's 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:

The San Juan Ridge Community Library (SJRCL) was established at its current location on Oak Tree Road in 2012. Run entirely by volunteers and financially supported by fundraising and donations, the library serves more than 700 library cardholders by loaning materials, offering programs, and giving free access to internet computers.

The North San Juan area has been recognized by the County Library as an underserved area for at least fifteen years. In 2002, it was considered as a location for a satellite branch, but those plans never came to fruition. In fiscal year 2014/15 the County installed a book-lending kiosk and book return outside the SJRCL as a way of offering some County Library services on the Ridge. The cost and logistics of running a County satellite library, however, remain beyond the reach of current circumstances.

Approving this Resolution will establish a formal collaboration between the Nevada County Community Library and the San Juan Ridge Community Library. The County will provide \$50,000, which is anticipated to be sufficient to cover SJRCL's operating expenses. Without the need to constantly raise the funds to pay their basic bills, the SJRCL will be able to concentrate on fundraising for special projects and initiatives, as well as providing excellent services and programs to area residents. The County Library will also look for other ways to be of assistance, such as by collaborating on programs for children, teens, and adults and sharing discounts on materials and library supplies that are available to a larger library system such as ours.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Laura Pappani, County Librarian