

Placer County Library MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mark R. Parker, Director of Library Services

DATE: October 6, 2009

SUBJECT: **Accept Harrigan Estate Bequest of \$270,000 to Placer County Library for the Adult Literacy Program in the Rocklin Library Service Area**

ACTION RECOMMENDED AND REQUESTED

Approve the acceptance of a bequest from Virgil B. Harrigan in the initial amount of \$270,000 on behalf of the Placer County Library for the purpose of enhancing the adult literacy program at the Rocklin Library and its service area.

BACKGROUND

Virgil B. Harrigan, b. August 21, 1918 – d. January 2, 2009, a longtime Roseville, resident, local realtor, and community volunteer, included the Placer County Library system as a beneficiary of his estate. The bequest specifies that the funds be used for the Rocklin Library for the general purpose of adult literacy programs. Mr. Harrigan was a volunteer tutor with the Placer Adult Literacy Service (PALS) for many years.

The initial portion of the bequest is in the amount of \$270,000. Additional funds may be forthcoming as the balance of the estate is distributed.

The Library will enhance the PALS program using these funds to provide a stronger presence of the Literacy Specialist in the City of Rocklin, to recruit additional learners and tutors, and to increase the PALS program presence in the community through promotional materials, publicity and outreach activities over multiple years. The Roseville Public Library is receiving a similar distribution of the estate for the same purpose and where possible PALS staff will collaborate with Roseville staff

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds will be tracked separately but will be incorporated into the overall PALS budget for multiple years to come. Existing funding sources for PALS, including the State of California (approximately \$16,000) and the Placer County Library budget (approximately \$36,000) will continue the operation of the program at existing levels elsewhere in the County, except for Roseville. The hours of the Literacy Specialist will be expanded to provide a targeted focus on Adult Literacy in the Rocklin area and the program will be reconfigured to permit an additional presence in the Rocklin area.

