



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

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DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL) offer a wide variety of services and programs that enrich the lives of the communities we serve. This partnership will allow programs and presentations that interest readers and potential readers of the horror genre to be offered at County Library locations at no charge to the public. This supports the goals of encouraging diverse and free reading, and the public’s ability to use the library’s collections to discover new authors and reading interests.

This MOU is intended to create an ongoing partnership, detail obligations and responsibilities for both agencies, and ensure appropriate liability coverage for these offerings. The organization has no employees and will use no vehicles in performance of this MOU.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the MOU as to legal form.

FINANCING:

The MOU contains no financial provisions between the two agencies and will not impact the General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachment:

Attachment A: MOU Horror Writers Association 5.2025