



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 4.3

DATE: February 26, 2026
TO: Chairperson and Members of the Library Board of Trustees
FROM: Anwan Baker, Library Director
SUBJECT: Presentation on the 2025/2026 Winter Reading Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Library Board of Trustees receive the report.

DECISION TYPE

Not Applicable

SUMMARY

Livermore Public Library hosted the Winter Reading Olympics from December 1, 2025, to January 15, 2026, at all locations. Participants of all ages logged the amount of their time they spent reading utilizing the free Beanstack app, or on paper gameboards, and earned raffle tickets for prizes. Raffle prizes include a Traeger grill, Cricut, mini photo printer, and more thanks to the Friends of the Livermore Public Library's generous support; Livermore Valley Arts donated tickets to a few select shows. For registering, participants also received a registration prize while supplies lasted.

DISCUSSION

This year's registration numbers were 2,807, a decrease when compared to last year's 3,336. The smaller number of minutes logged this year, 2,551,053 vs. 2,758,904, was no doubt influenced by the reduced participation. Participation in the Winter Reading program helped foster a sense of community. Students in K-12 schools were on winter break during a portion of this reading game and benefitted from increasing the amount of time they would have otherwise spent reading without the Library's program. Studies have shown that participating in reading programs like these help students retain academic progress while out of school. This was the first year that the raffle drawing was held live via Zoom, rather than in person. Not much feedback was received from the public, but this new format attracted 25 attendees and at least seemed to prevent as many disappointed children at the Library. Staff welcome Library Board of Trustees' feedback and suggestions.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026 Winter Reading Program Presentation

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