

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 4.3

DATE: December 4, 2025

TO: Chairperson and Members of the Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Anwan Baker, Library Director

SUBJECT: Presentation on the Spirit of Diwali Celebration at Civic Center Library

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Library Board of Trustees receive the report.

DECISION TYPE

SUMMARY

On Friday, October 17, 2025, attendees celebrated Diwali with an afternoon of music, dance, art, and hands-on crafts at the Civic Center Library. This was the second year that Livermore Public Library hosted its annual event celebrating the Festival of Lights.

DISCUSSION

This year, the Spirit of Diwali took place on Friday from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and included performances such as Ramayana storytelling through Bharatanatyam and Bollywood Dance performances. Other stations during the event included a henna station, Diwali themed crafts, and a Madhubani Art Workshop. 356 community members attended the event, which was about half of the attendees of the previous year. This is expected, considering the previous year was twice as long and took place on a Saturday. Staffing and the timing of Diwali necessitated this shift in the day of the week. Overall, the event received very positive reception and compliments from those in attendance.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Spirit of Diwali 2025 Presentation

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