Miami City Council Regular Meeting

MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026

AGENDA TITLE: **Contract Between the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and the City of Miami, Miami Public Library for the America 250 Grant; Authorize the City Manager to Sign Contract, Certification, and Claim Form**

PRESENTER: Callie Cortner

BACKGROUND:

America250 Programming Grant

The grant will enable libraries to support public programming connected to the America 250 commemoration, encourage civic engagement, historical reflection, and community dialogue, highlight history through local and national perspectives on American experiences, and expand access to high-quality educational and cultural programming for communities across Oklahoma.

Miami Public Library Plans to do educational programming in partnership with local organizations with the grant funds. Program Breakdown:

Early Pioneer Days

- **Basket Weaving with Har-ber Village** - $100
    - Craftsmen show audience how to weave baskets.
- **Butter Churning with Har-ber Village** - $100
    - Craftsmen showcase how to churn their own butter, with taste testing.
- **Wool Spinning with Har-ber Village** - $100
    - Craftsmen show audience how to spin wool into yarn.
- **Live Music with Har-ber Village** - $100
    - An educational program that combines live pioneer music with historical insights. Musicians perform on fiddles and other period instruments, while a historical speaker explains the music and the creative ways pioneers made instruments when traditional ones were unavailable. This experience offers a unique perspective on history and the cultural significance of music in pioneer life. If able, will tie in tribal instruments and music as well if local tribes are available to participate.
- **Jam Making & Tasting with Har-ber Village** - $100

The Gilded Age

- **Gilded Age Clothing Display from Washington State Historical Society** - $150
    - Work with Washington State Historical Society to create a movable display based off their Gilded Age clothingdisplay. Print off photos and facts about the clothing and create stations around the library people can view.

Roaring 20s/Great Depression

- **Circus Night** - $1,150
    - Partnering with Inspyral Circus and the Dobson Museum, this event offers a chance to learn about the history of circuses in Ottawa County (with photos and displays) and enjoy performances by professional circus artists. Attendees can also try basic juggling to improve coordination and concentration.
    - Additionally, our carnival games will test creativity and teamwork. Participants will work with librarians, local woodworkers, and volunteers to create their own games using various materials. In partnership with Leadership Miami students from the Chamber of Commerce, this activity promotes problem-solving and collaboration.
- **Circus Movie** – FREE
    - Play the movie "The Circus Clown" from 1934
- **The Great Depression Recipes with Northeastern Tribal Health System -** $300
    - Nutritionists from Northeastern Tribal Health System will prepare 2 to 4 dishes with popular great depression meals and give demonstrations.
- **Canning Class with Quapaw Farmers** Market - $100
    - Depression era canning methods and showcase how canning can be done at home.

The 1940s & 1950s

- **Victory Garden Workshop with OU Master Gardner Club** - $150
    - The OU Master Gardener club or some other club will lead a lecture about victory gardens in World War II and their importance, as well as give tips and tricks for people to start their own garden.
- **WWII Display with the War Museum, Library, and Airport -** FREE
    - We will take items out of our personal collection as well as borrow from our local museums to have a collection to display in our large display case with artifacts pertaining to WWII.
- **Giant Battleship Game Night with Ottawa County Arts & Humanities Council** - FREE
    - We will have a game night featuring a large battleship game as well as other strategy and war games.
- **Space Race STEM Night** - $150
    - We will have a STEM night featuring the space race and the moon landing of the 1960s. Participants will build rockets, learn about NASA and space, and watch clips from the moon landing.

STAFFS RECOMMENDATION:
I move that we approve the Contract with the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents presented.

ATTACHMENT(S):
Miami_CIVENG_A250_FFY25_Contract.pdf
Miami_CIVENG_A250_FFY25_Claim.pdf
Miami_CIVENG_A250_FFY25_Certification.pdf