

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT**

January 25, 2024

To: Board of Library Commissioners
From: John F. Szabo, City Librarian
Subject: **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT BY THE BRUCKMAN RARE BOOK FRIENDS
GROUP**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT The Board of Library Commissioners adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That a check in the amount of \$5,195.00 by the Bruckman Rare Books Friends group, now dissolved, be deposited into Fund 831, Code 378 be accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks be sent to Serenna Day, retired LAPL librarian and Board member of the now-dissolved Bruckman Rare Book Friends for releasing the funds for use by the LAPL, and for her dedication and contributions to the LAPL.

FINDINGS:

1. The Bruckman Rare Book Friends was founded in 2011 in honor of John D. Bruckman, 1928-1979, Rare Books Librarian, who was instrumental in making the Rare Books collection a noted resource in the western United States.
2. The Bruckman Rare Book Friends group regularly held book sales, hosted lectures and author receptions, in addition to publishing a quarterly newsletter to its membership.
3. The Bruckman Rare Book Friends group purchased special and unique items for both the Rare Books collection as well as orchestrations for the Art, Music & Recreation Department.
4. With the passing of Phyllis Absalom, long-time treasurer, as well as the passing of Board member Helene Mochedlover, retired Principal Librarian of LAPL, who often held auctions for special items during Central Library's monthly book sales

for the benefit of the Bruckman Rare Book Friends, the Friends Group was no longer active nor operational.

5. Remaining Board member Serenna Day, retired and in declining health, agreed to gift the remaining funds in the Bruckman account in the amount of \$5,195.00 for use by LAPL.
6. With the gift of the full amount held by Bruckman Rare Book Friends, the Friends group has now been dissolved.
7. As such, a letter of thanks should be sent to:

Serenna Day
(*address on file*)

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