

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD REPORT**

February 22, 2024

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION OF  
LOS ANGELES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopts the following resolution:

RESOLVED, Accept \$7,000 from the Library Foundation of Los Angeles (LFLA) to be deposited in the FY 2023-2024 Library Budget, Fund 300 Account 9010, Library Materials.

**FINDINGS:**

1. The Library Foundation will disburse \$3,000 from the Muriel Pollia Foundation Fund. The Muriel Pollia Foundation donated \$75,000 to maintain and develop the Asian Religion and Philosophy Collection of the Central Library. Dr. Muriel Pollia was personally and professionally involved in Asian religion and philosophy.
2. The Library Foundation will disburse \$4,000 from the Righteous Persons Foundation Fund. Steven Spielberg gave a grant of \$100,000 through his Righteous Persons Foundation to maintain and develop the Judaism Collection of the Social Science, Philosophy and Religion Department of the Central Library. The emphasis is placed on the faith as expressed in its sacred works and works about them, the Jewish experience in America, and Judaism's interrelationships with other faiths.
3. Funds for these two donations are managed by the Library Foundation and distribution of funds to the Library is based on a spending plan established by the Social Science, Philosophy and Religion Department of the Central Library, which has one of the most significant collections of philosophy and religion titles of any public library in the United States.
4. These funds will be used in accordance with the guidelines specified by Muriel Pollia Foundation and Righteous Persons Foundation to enhance the collections of the Social Science, Philosophy and Religion Department of the Central Library.

5. Bookplates are placed in each book acquired with these funds. Recognition plaques are placed on the end panels of each section where the collections are shelved.

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