



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to receive a presentation from Tammy Baggett, Library Director and Matthew Clobridge, Library Technology Management Administrator, on the Durham County Library and Durham Public Schools library card initiative.

Background/Justification

In order to promote literacy, support learning, and provide greater student access to Library resources, Durham County Library (DCL) and Durham Public Schools (DPS) have partnered to allow DPS students fine-free access to Library materials. All DPS students can use their student ID number to check out books and access the Library's online resources such as live homework help, test prep, and research databases.

Unless a parent opts their child out of the program, DPS sends student information to DCL via Secure FTP for entry into the DCL system. Once processed, students can checkout up to five books and use the Library's electronic resources. No DVDs or music CDs can be checked out. Students will not be charged any overdue fines, but will be charged a fee for any lost items.

In addition, DPS faculty and staff will be able to obtain a full-privileged DCL library card regardless of their county of residence by presenting their DPS ID at any DCL location.

A small pilot program was launched in the spring of 2018 with four DPS schools: Hillandale Elementary School, Carrington Middle School, Rogers-Herr Middle School, and Hillside High School.

For 2018-2019, DCL and DPS have changed the program to opt-out instead of opt-in to provide greater opportunity to reach public school students. Also, with enhancements to DCL systems, it is now possible to allow checkout using a student's DPS ID number rather than a separate library card number. Neither of these were in place for the pilot schools.

An update to the Memorandum of Understanding that addresses these changes is waiting for final signatures.

Policy Impact

No policy implications.

Procurement Background

Not applicable.

Fiscal Impact

No impact.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation from Tammy Baggett, Library Director and Matthew Clobridge, Library Technology Management Administrator, on the Durham County Library and Durham Public Schools library card initiative.