

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 18, 2018

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 9

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS FOR A "BIG READ COMMUNITY READING PROJECT GRANT" FOR 2018 (FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY)

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The Forsyth County Public Library requests authorization to submit an application to the National Endowment for the Arts to apply for a \$10,000 matching grant (1:1) for a "Big Read Community Reading Project Grant". Grant funds will be used to fund the Library's "On the Same Page" annual community reading project for 2018 that will feature *Pretty Monsters*, a collection of short stories by local author Kelly Link. Completed grant proposals are due by January 24, 2018 for grants to be awarded from September 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The Forsyth County Public Library will launch its seventeenth annual community reading project, On the Same Page/The Big Read, on September 8, 2018. A month-long series of public programming including workshops, author presentations, book discussions, film screenings and a finale event will be planned for various audiences in the Forsyth County community from youth through adult.

Forsyth County Public Library has active community partners for On the Same Page/The Big Read including:

BOOKMARKS Festival of Books
North Carolina Black Repertory Company
Old Salem Museum & Gardens
Winston-Salem Journal
Winston-Salem Writers

In its sixteen-year history, On the Same Page/The Big Read has reached between 3,000 and 5,000 participants annually through a variety of community programs.

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE:

J. Kennedy Watts, Jr.
COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: January 17, 2018

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS FOR A “BIG READ
COMMUNITY READING PROJECT GRANT” FOR 2018
(FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY)**

WHEREAS, the Forsyth County Public Library will launch its seventeenth annual community reading project, “*On the Same Page*” on September 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, during this month-long “*On the Same Page*” community reading project, a series of public programs designed for youth through adult audiences will be held throughout the Forsyth County community and will include workshops, author presentations, book discussions, film screenings and a finale event; and

WHEREAS, the Forsyth County Public Library administration requests authorization to apply for a \$10,000 matching (1:1) grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for a “Big Read Community Reading Project Grant” to fund the Library’s 2018 “*On the Same Page*” community reading project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager or his designee, the Library Director, and the Clerk to the Board to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County and its Public Library, the necessary documents to apply for a \$10,000 matching (1:1) grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for a “Big Read Community Reading Project Grant” to fund the Library’s 2018 “*On the Same Page*” community reading project.

Adopted this the 18th day of January 2018.