



## Staff Report

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council  
**FROM:** Sarah Comstock, Community Engagement Librarian  
**DATE:** September 14, 2021  
**RE:** Response to Grand Jury

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### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the approval of the proposed response to the Placer County Grand Jury findings.

### **Issue Statement and Discussion**

On June 16, 2021, the Placer County Grand Jury released a report titled "Public Libraries of Placer County: A Resource for All". In this report, the Grand Jury "sought to understand the current status of the various library systems located within the county." The report then recommended changes for each library to make.

The only recommendation the Grand Jury gave to the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center was a recommendation that was also given to the other four library systems in Placer County: "By January 1, 2022, Placer County Library, Roseville Public Library, Lincoln Public Library, and Loomis Library & Community Learning Center will work together to develop a single county-wide library card."

On June 24, 2021 the directors of the four regional libraries met to discuss this recommendation. It was determined that, although it would be convenient to have one card for all four library systems, the logistical and financial challenges of implementing such a card would be difficult to overcome. The Loomis Library & Community Learning Center is committed to working together with the other three regional libraries to plan and implement more collaborative services in the future. At this time, however, a single-wide library card is not reasonable and will not be implemented by January 1, 2022.

### **CEQA Requirements**

There are no CEQA implications with the recommended action.

### **Financial and/or Policy Implications**

None.

### **Attachments**

- A. Response to Grand Jury Report Form

## Response to Grand Jury Report Form

**Report Title:** Public Libraries of Placer county: A Resource for All

**Report Date:** June 16, 2021

**Response by:** Sarah Comstock, Community Engagement Librarian

### Findings

- We agree with the findings numbered: F1, F3, and F11.
- The following findings do not apply to the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center: F2, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F10, F12.

### Recommendations:

Of the recommendations made by the Grand Jury, the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center was only required to respond to R2, and will not be responding to R1, R3, R4, or R5.

- **Recommendation numbered R2 will not be implemented because it is not warranted or it not reasonable.**

*R2: By January 1, 2022, Placer County Library, Roseville Public Library, Lincoln Public Library, and Loomis Library & Community Learning Center will work together to develop a single county-wide library card.*

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Thank you,

Sarah Comstock  
Community Engagement Librarian  
Loomis Library & Community Learning Center