

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

RESIDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

1:30 PM

Chair: Heather Edelson, District 6
ViceChair: Debbie Goettel, District 5
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
Marion Greene, District 3
Angela Conley, District 4
Kevin Anderson, District 7

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. October 8, 2024 Minutes

Attachments: [RS-COMMITTEE.MINUTES-08-Oct-2024](#)

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [24-0466](#)

Neg Agmt with Kidzibits, Inc. to provide early literacy play structures at library project sites, 10/30/24-10/29/30, NTE \$1,500,000

Attachments: [ELPS Budget Table 2024 - 2030](#)
[HCL ELPS Playspaces](#)

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Board Action Request

TMP-1556

Item Description:

October 8, 2024 Minutes

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Commissioner Heather Edelson, Chair, called the meeting of the Resident Services Committee for Tuesday, October 8, 2024 to order at 3:01 p.m.

Present: Jeff Lunde, Irene Fernando, Marion Greene, Angela Conley, Debbie Goettel, Kevin Anderson and Commissioner Heather Edelson

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. September 10, 2024 RS Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Jeff Lunde moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Minutes.

Aye: Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Vice Chair Goettel, Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Edelson

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [24-0420](#)

Amd 5 to Agmt A178204 with Better Futures Minnesota f/k/a Network for Better Futures, to provide lawn care, snow removal and salt/sanding services for maintenance of State of Minnesota tax-forfeit properties administered by Hennepin County, ext end date to 12/31/25 and incr NTE by \$500,000

CONSENT

Vice Chair Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Vice Chair Goettel, Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Edelson

2.B. [24-0421](#)

Amd 5 to Agmt CM00000534 with Better Futures Minnesota for routine exterior property inspections of Hennepin County tax-forfeit properties, ext end date to 12/31/25 and incr NTE by \$500,000

CONSENT

Vice Chair Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Vice Chair Goettel, Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Edelson

Items for Discussion and Action

2.C. [24-0422](#)

Agmt PR00006577 with Election Systems and Software, LLC for ballot printing services, 12/01/24-12/31/27, NTE \$2,200,000

CONSENT

Vice Chair Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Vice Chair Goettel, Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Edelson

There being no further business, the Resident Services Committee for Tuesday, October 8, 2024 was declared adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

Board Action Request

24-0466

Item Description:

Neg Agmt with Kidzibits, Inc. to provide early literacy play structures at library project sites, 10/30/24-10/29/30, NTE \$1,500,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate an Agreement with Kidzibits to design, fabricate, install and maintain early literacy play structures and spaces at Hennepin County Library sites, during the period of October 30, 2024 through October 29, 2030, in the not to exceed amount of \$1,500,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the county, and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The Hennepin County Library (HCL) in partnership with Hennepin County Facility Services published a Request For Proposals (RFP) for Early Literacy Play Structures and jointly evaluated all proposals.

The Hennepin County Library Capital Plan calls for remodeling up to 14 libraries of various sizes across the county over the next six years. As library spaces are redesigned or built, HCL is committed to including creative and fun literacy and learning play spaces that support early learning and school readiness. Our early learning play spaces connect to the mission and vision of Hennepin County Library: to inspire, facilitate, and celebrate lifelong learning. Our early learning spaces are a shared space for enrichment and connection.

The RFP was written and evaluated in collaboration with the Facility Services Library Projects Manager. Funding for the early literacy play structures that will be completed as a result of this Agreement is sourced from the capital project budgets allotted to Facility Services for library building renovation and construction. Facility Services supports the projected budget amounts and totals as outlined below within the context of these projects as an appropriate portion for early literacy play structures. The intent of the Library and Facility Services is to follow the attached budget plan as listed, however, changes to the order of the libraries or amounts identified may occur based on new circumstances.

As library spaces are redesigned or built, this contract will provide needed expertise in supporting and developing the highest quality early literacy structures ensuring that Hennepin County Library:

- Provides creative and engaging early learning play structures that stimulate and support early learning and school readiness skills.
- Creates hands on early learning play environments that support family and community bonding.
- Encourages a love of reading and learning.
- Provides welcoming spaces in our buildings for children and their caregivers.
- Delivers early learning spaces that encourage curiosity, inquisitiveness, and sustained play.
- Supports healthy social emotional skills such as self-confidence, genuine happiness, curiosity, decision making, and more.

Background information on Early Learning and Play

Public libraries are positioned to be a part of the community to model and support playful learning. Play is essential to early literacy as it encompasses the five early literacy practices of talk, read, write, sing and play.

For those without access to preschool programs, libraries fill gaps in their access to guided and research based early learning experiences. (Harvard Research Project).

Research suggests that social imaginative play-often what you see happening in the library play spaces-helps a child learn about cooperation, empathy, reduced aggression, and better overall emotional and social health.

Five proven benefits of play:

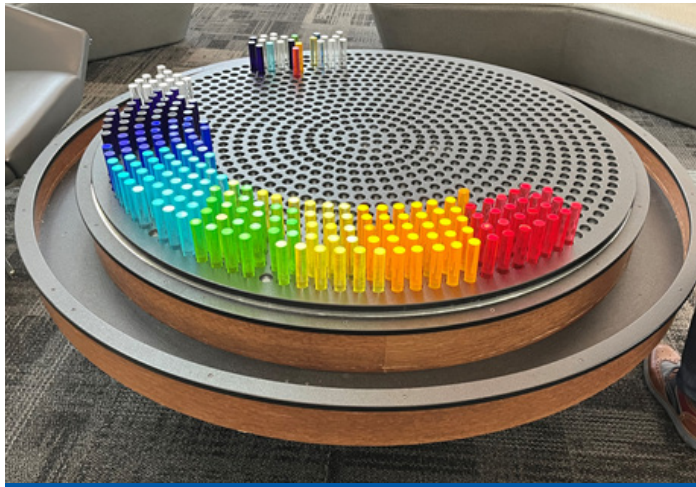
1. Play is essential for healthy brain development.
2. Play reduces obesity and associated diseases.
3. Play helps manage stress and recover from trauma.
4. Play helps families bond.
5. Play contributes to academic success.

These spaces are used by families, community groups, and other Hennepin County departments. Child Well Being uses these spaces for supervised visitations or to meet families in a space that may be close to them and feels comfortable and welcoming. The Hennepin Health Nurses who do home visiting also model early literacy and connection to library and community resources by meeting families in our libraries and using the play spaces.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

| | Library | Gross Square Feet | Usable Square Feet | Cost Summary |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Current CIP 2025-2028 | | | | |
| | Westonka | 11,982 | 10,804 | \$ 100,000 |
| | Southdale | 43,989 | 37,369 | \$ 150,000 |
| | Augsburg Park | 16,776 | 12,889 | \$ 55,000 |
| | Northeast | 16,222 | 11,813 | \$ 55,000 |
| | Brookdale | 68,717 | 56,657 | \$ 200,000 |
| | Penn Lake | 14,909 | 12,664 | \$ 100,000 |
| | Walker | 29,701 | 12,640 | \$ 55,000 |
| | East Lake | 18,058 | 13,612 | \$ 75,000 |
| | Linden Hills | 8,288 | 5,715 | \$ 55,000 |
| | Champlin | 8,966 | 7,340 | \$ 55,000 |
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| Future CIP 2029-2030 | | | | |
| | Washburn | 18,482 | 14,655 | \$ 75,000 |
| | Minnetonka | 4,572 | 3,589 | \$ 30,000 |
| | St. Anthony | 5,119 | 4,654 | \$ 30,000 |
| | Franklin | TBD | TBD | \$ 100,000 |
| | Minneapolis Central | 539,487 | 239,855 | \$ 215,000 |
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| | Contingency | | | \$ 100,000 |
| | Maintenance | | | \$ 50,000 |

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| | Total: | | | \$ 1,500,000 |
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LIGHT TABLE, MULTIPLE LIBRARIES



DUPLO CONSTRUCTION, MULTIPLE LIBRARIES

Hennepin County Library Early Learning Play Spaces

PRESENTATION FOR HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 2024



Play is our
brain's favorite
way of learning.

DIANE ACKERMAN
AUTHOR



FREE-STANDING MAGNETIC WALLS, MULTIPLE LIBRARIES



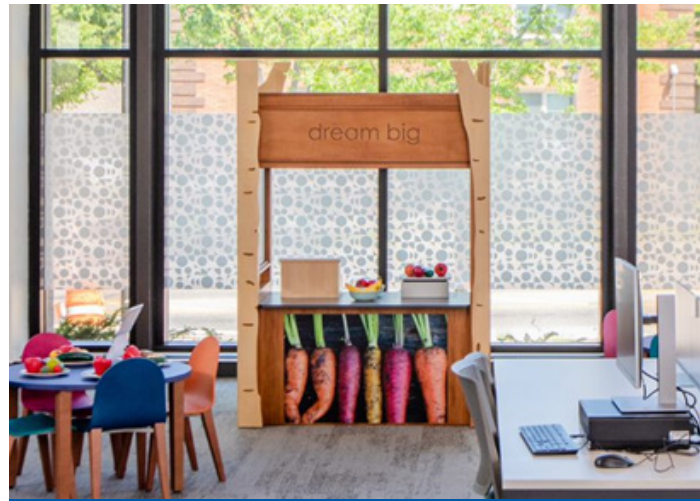
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NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY, MINNEAPOLIS



OXBORO LIBRARY, BLOOMINGTON



RIDGEDALE LIBRARY
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Play helps a child learn:

- cooperation
- empathy
- impulse control
- reduced aggression

resulting in better emotional and social health.

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Our early learning play spaces connect to Hennepin County Library's mission and vision:

TO INSPIRE, FACILITATE, AND CELEBRATE LIFELONG LEARNING.

These areas are a shared space for enrichment and connection.

Our strategic plan priorities closely align to our early learning play spaces:

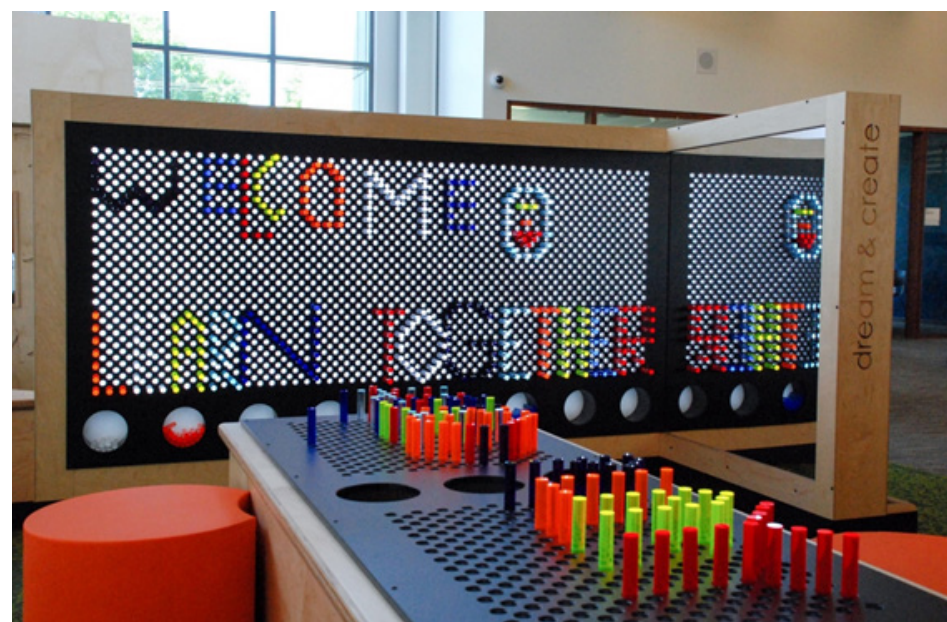
- Uphold free access to a broad spectrum of ideas
- Champion the aspirations of residents with learning, literacy, and enrichment
- Create inviting, inclusive, accessible, and safe public spaces
- Deliver a positive and equitable experience to every patron

Our early learning play space goals:

- Increase library usage
- Support literacy and education
- Ensure a positive patron experience



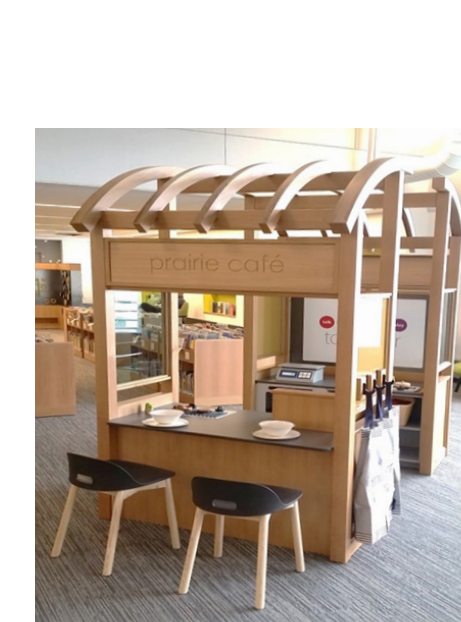
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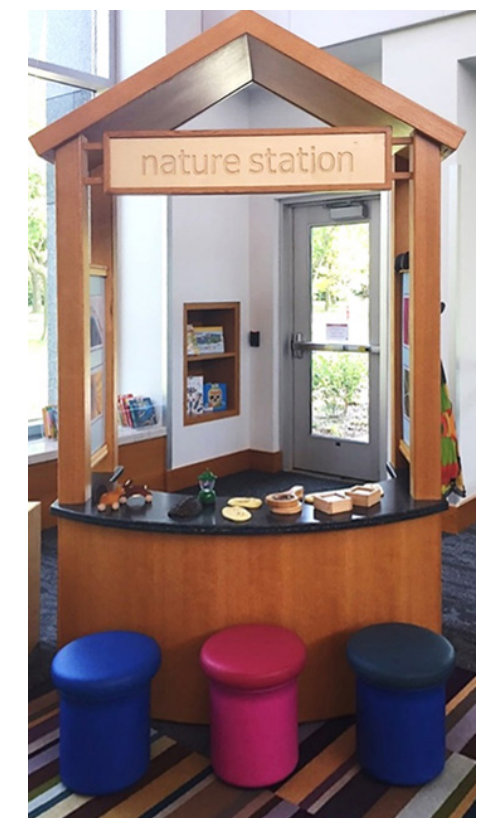
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