

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee
September 18, 2008

RESOLUTION FOR READ, BABY, READ! BOOK CLUBS

- WHEREAS A strategic priority of the Cleveland Public Library is to enrich Cleveland's neighborhoods by enhancing services for children and young adults; and
- WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library is committed to supporting literacy and to advancing the love of reading and books among Cleveland's children; and
- WHEREAS, A Cultural Exchange is a literacy based non-profit multicultural arts organization for children operating in Cleveland since 1991; and
- WHEREAS, A Cultural Exchange created the Read, Baby, Read! Book Clubs to advance the love of reading and improve the literacy skills of Cleveland's school children; and
- WHEREAS, A Cultural Exchange has provided services for Read, Baby, Read! Book Clubs with various neighborhood branch libraries since 2000 and seeks to continue said services from September 2008 to June 2009; and
- WHEREAS, Services from A Cultural Exchange include training library staff, providing books, curriculum supplies, snacks, incentives, quarterly magazine, monitoring Club participation/performance and evaluating accomplishments, as detailed in the attached proposal, at a cost not to exceed \$126,697 to conduct the program with twenty-one (21) neighborhood branch libraries/schools; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees accepts the proposal (pending a more detailed proposed budget, on-site library activities and a timeline for executing all proposed activities) from A Cultural Exchange for services related to Read, Baby, Read! Book Clubs with Twenty-one (21) neighborhood branch libraries/schools with payment not to exceed \$126,697 being charged to General Fund Account: 17010053-53710 (Professional Services).