

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT

January 27, 2022

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF \$1,100 GRANT FOR WEB ARCHIVING AT
LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopts the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That a stipend of \$1,100 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation passing through the Internet Archive for web archiving at LAPL be accepted; and deposited in Trust Fund 831; Account 368; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that expenditure of grant funds will be facilitated by the Library's Digitization and Special Collections department.

FINDINGS:

1. The Library was one (1) of 70 institutions across the country selected by the Internet Archive in 2021 to be a part of their Community Webs program, which provides continuing education, training, and services to enable public libraries to build collections of historically valuable, web published materials documenting their local communities.
2. Websites can be ephemeral, existing for a period of time only to be taken down due to hosting costs, organization folding, and other reasons. The important information shared through websites can also disappear when a domain name is lost, a hosting company goes out of business or the website is forgotten. The Library wants to preserve significant and diverse local digital resources by archiving a curated collection of websites and making the information available to researchers and library users.

3. The award of \$1,100 is for the purchase of hardware, software, and training, which will enable the Library to collect and archive websites of local organizations which are important to the cultural and culinary history of Los Angeles. Digital copies of website pages will be preserved and stored in LOCKSS, a digital storage system based at Stanford University Libraries. These archived website files are currently viewable on the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine website and Los Angeles Public Library's Archive-It page. The websites will be accessible and searchable through a catalog list and search portal on the LAPL website in the future.
4. A second stipend of \$1,100 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation passing through the Internet Archive for the same purpose is forthcoming in July 2022.

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Reviewed by: Kren Malone, Director of Central Library

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