



## ***City Council Memorandum***

**To:** Mayor Fasbender & City Council Members

**From:** Chris Eitemiller, Finance Manager

**Date:** February 5, 2024

**Item:** Approve Doffing Trust Disbursement

### **Council Action Requested:**

Approve the attached Doffing Trust disbursement request.

### **Background Information:**

Per the 2008 agreement, the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library are requesting a disbursement in the amount of \$2,500 to support a Teen Video Game Corner. Pleasant Hill Library will use these funds to promote technology skills, help build community and to engage teens. The games that are intended for purchase are focused on computer coding and video game creation and design and will be used for a teen-driven Coding Club. This will assist in both school readiness and life skills while improving service to middle and high school students by enhancing their teen space.

### **Financial Impact:**

The 2008 agreement states the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library are to use the annual income from investment earnings to fund the disbursement requests. There have been limited disbursement requests since the agreement began in 2008. The request from the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library is attached.

**Advisory Commission Discussion:** N/A

**Council Committee Discussion:** N/A

### **Attachments:**

Disbursement request from the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library

Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library  
Kathy Swanson, President  
1490 S Frontage Rd  
Hastings, MN 55033

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear Kathy;

I am writing to request your support for the submission of a request to use the Doffing Estate funds. In accordance with the City of Hastings guidelines (dated October 16, 2008), "Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library must submit the request and include a recommendation for approval."

Pleasant Hill Library is requesting use of the Doffing Estate funds in the amount of \$2500.00 to support a Teen Video Game Corner. Video games promote 21<sup>st</sup> century technology skills that are a de facto competency requirement for youth, including creativity and innovation; critical thinking and problem solving; and communication and collaboration. Additionally, video gaming in libraries helps to build community and to engage teens. All of which can translate into both school readiness and practical life skills. Professional support for librarians and library staff involved in gaming is offered through the Games and Gaming Round Table of the American Library Association (<http://games.ala.org/about/>).

The primary goal for this project is to improve service to middle and high school students that use Pleasant Hill Library by enhancing our teen space. Additionally, a number of the games we are looking to purchase are focused around computer coding and video game creation and design and will be used for a teen-driven Coding Club. Games have been chosen with teen input and the oversight of the teen librarian.

Wentworth Library has been a successful multi-year pilot of having video games in teen spaces and has a solid set of procedures. As they have done, we intend to purchase games that are marked as for E (Everyone), E10+ (Everyone 10 and older), and T (Teens), with the bulk of the titles being E or E10+. Controllers and any physical game discs will be stored at the desk for in house checkouts.

We are asking for \$2500.00 to cover purchase of a TV screen and secure mount, secure storage for the console, Nintendo Switch, controllers and chargers, and games. The initial estimated budget is \$2235.39 but does not consider any potential price fluctuations. Any of the \$2500.00 remaining would go to additional games and storage for the controllers.

The request above is in keeping with the guidelines adopted by the City of Hastings in 2008 for use of the Doffing Estate funds.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Jill Bambenek

Pleasant Hill Library Manager



ITEM	COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL	RATING
Nintendo Switch	300	1	300	
Extra Joy Cons	79.99	3	239.97	
Pro controller with usb cords	69.99	2	139.98	
Steering Wheel	30	2	60	
Heavy duty HDMI cables	13.99	1	13.99	
charging dock for joy cons	34.99	2	69.98	
wall plug for charging stations	9.68	1	9.68	
Micro SD cards for Switch	14.99	1	14.99	
TV	299.99	1	299.99	
TV mount and security	32.99	1	32.99	
Secure storage for consoles	295	1	295	
<i>Baba is You</i>	15	1	15	E
<i>What the Golf</i>	19.99	1	19.99	E10+
<i>Untitled Goose Game</i>	19.99	1	19.99	E
<i>Minecraft</i>	29.99	1	29.99	E10+
<i>Rain World</i>	24.99	1	24.99	E10+
<i>Subnautica</i>	29.99	1	29.99	E10+
<i>Final Fantasy I-IV</i>	74.99	1	74.99	E-T
<i>Final Fantasy VI</i>	17.99	1	17.99	T
<i>Final Fantasy VII</i>	15.99	1	15.99	T
<i>Luigi's Mansion 3</i>	59.99	1	59.99	E
<i>Super Mario Bros. Wonder</i>	59.99	1	59.99	E
<i>Super Mario RPG</i>	59.99	1	59.99	E
<i>Super Mario Maker 2</i>	59.99	1	59.99	E
<i>Mario Kart 8 Deluxe</i>	59.99	1	59.99	E
<i>Animal Crossing New Horizon</i>	59.99	1	59.99	E
<i>Super Smash Bros</i>	59.99	1	59.99	E10+
<i>Undertale</i>	14.99	1	14.99	E10+
<i>Sonic Superstars</i>	59.99	1	59.99	E
<i>Stardew Valley</i>	14.99	1	14.99	E10+
		TOTAL	2235.39	

