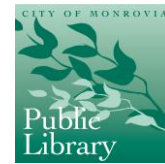




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Public Services,
Library Division

MEETING DATE: September 28, 2017

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

On Saturday, August 12, Adult Services staff were invited to provide Library program and services resources to the *Appreciate Caregivers* event at Foothill Family in Duarte. The event recognized family members and caregivers of non-conventional and extended families. Staff connected with over 50 adults at the event. Outreach events such as these provide attendees with information about MPL's early and adult literacy, veterans resources, and library programs and services.

On Monday, August 14, Literacy Services staff hosted the first of two-session events for *Xprize*, a technology based approach to adult literacy learning. The first session provided skill assessments for adult learners. Literacy Services provides technological support and skill building to adult learners and tutors to support them in meeting their learning goals.

Veterans Services staff completed the first interview of a local veteran, Richard McCubbins, for the *Veterans History Project*. Staff worked in partnership with KGEM staff and library volunteers to complete the video interview. The interview and accompanying photographs were sent to the Library of Congress to be submitted as a living document for viewing. The *Veterans History Project* is an ongoing program through the Library's Veterans Resource Center and meets a requirement of the *Veterans Connect @ the Library* grant funded project.

On Friday, August 18, Veterans Services staff and volunteers hosted a booth at the Friday Night Street Fair in Monrovia. Seven veterans and their family members connected with Benefit Coaches. Veterans Services volunteers will be at the Street Fair the 3rd Friday of each month located near Lemon and Myrtle. Outreach service members are a vital component of making connections with local veterans and their family members in the community.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

On August 18, library staff was invited by the Principal of Wild Rose Elementary school to speak to all 468 students about the upcoming eclipse. Different cultures have created a mythology for why the moon moves in front of the sun. Students listened to a Guatemalan folktale and discussed the pathway of the moon, sun and earth. Teachers and students worked together to make shoebox pinhole projection viewers to be used to view the eclipse. This outreach opportunity at the start of the school year allowed

librarians to encourage students to visit the public library and emphasized the use of the library for learning about new things.

The Monrovia Library hosted a *Solar eclipse party* on the day of the event, August 21. People started lining up for glasses starting at 8 AM. Starting at 9 AM, library staff and Canyon Park Rangers gave away 150 solar eclipse viewing glasses donated by NASA. Participants could make their own pinhole projection viewers using paper plates and foil. About 300 people stood in the park and watched the eclipse together for an hour. Strangers shared glasses and homemade viewers with each other, made chalk drawings, hula hooped and blew bubbles, creating a great sense of community and comradery over a historic event.

The public is now able to have items printed on the 3D printer. Patrons are eligible to receive one free print per month. Designs can be made on Tinkercad and can be emailed or dropped off to the Library with a flashdrive. Patrons can pick up the print in a week. So far a few people have dropped off designs and library staff have printed a cell phone case and a bear.

TEEN SERVICES REPORT

During the Summer Reading Program, approximately 57 teens volunteered 1,219 hours, equal to \$14,628.00 in staff cost savings (based on the starting wage of \$12.00 per hour for a Library Aide). Volunteers organized and managed the prize desk, signed patrons up for the program and made sure they received their incentives, put together prize packets, shelved and cleaned books, and assisted with programming. Some teens will continue to volunteer for the Library during the school year helping with programs, counting coupons, painting bookends and designing future teen programs.