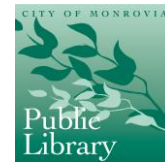




**CITY OF MONROVIA  
LIBRARY BOARD  
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: **Public Services, Library Division**

**MEETING DATE:** February 22, 2018

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**ADULT SERVICES REPORT**

Literacy Staff hosted a tutor orientation in the Literacy Center on Saturday, January 13. Staff presented information on the literacy program, training, and tutor requirements. Highlighting opportunities offered by the library is a goal of the strategic plan.

On Saturday, January 13, Literacy Staff provided Pronunciation Workshop for tutors and learners. Local adult education instructor, Carol Burrill facilitated the workshop. Twenty-two tutors and learners participated in the workshop. Continued training is a requirement for tutors to keep skills updated and to support life-long learning.

On Saturday, January 20, staff held the first session of *Hand Sewing Essentials*. Sewing Instructor, Naomi Lewis taught a group of 15 men and women sewing basics, such as sewing a button and mending a seam. This program is a part of broadening patron experiences for emerging adults in their 20's and 30's.

*Tabletop Card Night* was on held on Thursday, January 25, for adults 20's and 30's. Seventeen participants played games like Cards Against Humanity and Betrayal. This fun-filled evening of skill, luck and comradery included snacks and beverages. This program is also part of broadening patron experiences for emerging adults in their 20's and 30's.

**YOUTH & TEEN SERVICES REPORT**

During the month of January 2018, Monrovia's were challenged with reading 120,000 minutes in the *Winter Reading Challenge*. Each person was tasked with reading 10 hours. When completed, participants came to the Library to pick out a free book to keep forever! Over 100 libraries all over the country participated in this challenge. If the libraries read a collective 1,000,000 minutes and 50,000 books, then Mark Cuban promised to donate \$25,000 to First Book, an organization that provides new books, learning materials and other educational resources for children in low-income households all over the country.

For the reading program's inaugural year, participants went above and beyond the goal. With 290 readers, Monrovia's read 144,237 minutes in the month of January! On top of this excellent news, on day 25 of the challenge, all the participating libraries collectively surpassed the big goal by reading

73,506 books and 5,391,850 minutes! Because of our reading, many children around the country will be able to have books of their very own!

Starting in March, youth librarian's participation in Friday Night Fair will look a little different. On the first Friday of the month, staff will host a large art project in the park in front of the Library for families to enjoy together and be creative. Families can drop by any time between from 5-6:30 PM. The project will change from month to month and will include messy projects such as painting.

*Bead Fusion* at the Library was on Saturday, January 13 with approximately 71 participants. This open-house style program allowed children of all ages to come in and create their own bead fusion craft. Children learned design and math elements when they followed already prepared outlines. Participants were allowed to also tap into their creative side and make up a bead model on their own. Completed bead plates were then brought to the volunteers who helped melt it together to finish off each project. Children were allowed to make as many as they wanted and take home their completed work. The program was also a great leadership opportunity for teen volunteers to have a pivotal role in preparing the art projects and serve as role models for showing the importance of volunteering in their community.

The *Drive-In Movie* program aimed to encourage creativity among preschool-age children and their caregivers by creating their own cardboard box cars. After decorating their cars, children got to watch Pixar shorts while enjoying popcorn and fruit juice. In addition to building their creative skills, this project also helped with sensory and motor development. Creating a cardboard car helps develop children's fine motor skills by exposing them to a wide range of materials and tools. Eye-hand coordination was also used during this project which helps them prepare for tasks at school and home. When a child creates their own car, their self-esteem is enhanced by virtue of assembling and using their own product.

Staff worked with TAB volunteers to develop a Teen Anime Club that meets once a month. Teens offer suggestions for titles to watch on the Library's free Crunchy Roll account, a platform for Japanese anime. The Club is a way to bring teens together over a common interest and show off the manga collection available for check out at the Library. Participants for the first meeting in January were excited to share their favorite anime series with others, and learn about new anime series. Teens enjoyed their favorite Japanese snacks while they watched anime, and some of them brought their art materials to doodle and draw. The program was a good way for teens to interact with their peers and make friends. One of the teens who attended the program was a little reserved at first, but the other TAB members quickly made her feel welcome and join into the conversation about anime.