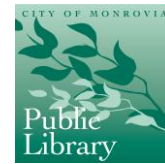




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Public Services, Library Division
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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

On Friday, March 2, Veterans Services staff and volunteers met with Dorene Hartley, Veterans Service Officer from the County of Los Angeles Military Veterans Affairs Office. Ms. Hartley presented information on resources and services available to service members and veterans. Attendance at workshops is a requirement of the *Veterans Connect @ the Library* grant.

Veterans Services staff completed an interview of local WW II Navy veteran, Shirley Virginia Kelley, for the *Veterans History Project* on March 16. Staff worked in partnership with KGEM staff and library volunteers to complete the video interview. The interview and accompanying photographs were submitted to the Library of Congress 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.

Literacy Staff and volunteers hosted an Open House in the Literacy Center on Saturday, March 17. Staff presented information on the literacy program, training, and tutor requirements and provided tours of the Literacy Center. Highlighting opportunities offered by the library is a goal of the strategic plan.

TableTop Card Night was on held on Wednesday, March 21, for adults 20's and 30's. Over 15 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 a part of broadening patron experiences for emerging adults in their 20's and 30's.

On Friday, March 23 the Veterans Resource Center hosted a special evening honoring the history of women in the military. Special Guest Speaker Sandra Adams (RDLM, USN Retired) presented information about how women's roles have evolved throughout history, and the significant contributions women in the military have made. Twenty participants attended the event, which meets a requirement of the *Veterans Connect @ the Library* grant funded project.

On Saturday, March 24, ten participants created smudge sticks using sage, lavender and rose petals in the *Clearing Your Space Workshop*. The workshop included tips for cleansing and purifying space and participants learned how to energetically clean and protect the home and attract peace. This program is a part of broadening patron experiences for adults.

Literacy Staff and volunteers held their first Book Club for learners on Monday, March 26. Eight learners participated in the book club and selected a graphic novel for discussion. Members will meet twice a month to read and discuss the selected book. The program was developed based on feedback from learners and aligns with creating learning opportunities and enhancing experiences.

YOUTH & TEEN SERVICES REPORT

MUSIC MAKERS

In this 4-week music series, children learned music elements through fun and interactive experiences, such as playing instruments, singing songs, and dancing. Music ignites all areas of child development and skills for school readiness, including intellectual, social and emotional, motor, language, and overall literacy. Exposing children to music during early development helps children learn the sounds and meanings of words while developing memory. Dancing to music helps children build motor skills while allowing them to practice self-expression. Held on March 1, 8, 15, and 22, over 100 5 & 6 year olds participated in the series. The goal of this program is to create a joyful introduction to music education and inspire a foundation of lifelong musicianship.

MAKER DAY

On March 3, library staff and teen volunteers assisted twelve patrons of different ages and experience with their 3-D printing design projects. The open-ended program allowed patrons to use their creativity to design their own projects and learn through self-directed learning and tinkering. The library offers monthly *Maker Day* workshops designed to assist patrons use TinkerCad and the free 3D printing service.

iCREATE

On March 9, the library offered *iCreate* to teens for Teen Tech Week. The program was attended by seven teens, who created their own short movie using a green screen, iPads, and the iMovie app. Teens created storyboards, edited their films, and experimented with stop-motion animation. Working in small groups, the teens were given the opportunity to tinker and learn by experimenting to make their movies. The purpose of the program was to help teens develop digital literacy and use technology in a creative way. On March 17, the library, screened the short films created by teens during *Teen Film Fest*.

ART TIME

Library Staff partnered with local Monrovia Art Time Studio, and provided a unique and revolutionary approach to teaching kids how to draw. Using a charcoal pencil and pastels, students learned to build a drawing through the use of simple shapes and how to create colorful, 3-dimensional effects. Twenty-three students as young as seven attended the event on Saturday, March 10.

TALKING TO YOUR TEEN

On March 15, the library partnered with Healing Connections for their March4Balance campaign and hosted a workshop led by a Pasadena clinical psychologist Michaela Blakey. The program focused on empowering parents to have meaningful conversations with their teens to help them through the period of adjustment in middle school and high school. Eight parents and teens attended the program.

EXPRESS YOURSELF THROUGH ART

As part of Healing Connections' March4Balance program, the library offered an open-ended art program for children and teens on March 21. Staff and teen volunteers set up art stations with a variety of supplies, and over 50 attendees enjoyed a relaxing afternoon of painting, coloring, and doodling.

GIRLS ROCK!

Youth Services Women's History Month with the *Girls Rock* program on March 23. The purpose of the program was to provide a fun and welcoming environment for children and parents as they enjoyed an afternoon of crafts and creativity. The library partnered with Snip-Its Salon, who taught parents hairstyling tips and techniques for children they could use at home. The program brought families to the library and established the library as a community connector.

FLY WITH ME

On Saturday, March 24, children learned all about the science of flight. Twenty-five children heard about the history of airplanes, sharpened their design skills, and problem solved to create their own foam aircraft. Thanks to the Library's partnership with local plane enthusiasts, several motorized and motor less planes were on hand for an interactive demonstration of flight.