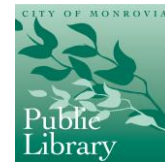




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Public Services, Library Division

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ADULT SERVICES REPORT

On June 9 and July 21, the library hosted story time for adults, featuring *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood and *A Game of Thrones* by George R.R. Martin. Over 20 attendees listened to readings, viewed screen adaptations, followed by discussion of both book and film versions. Several participants came dressed as their favorite characters from the novels. This program is a part of the library's strategic direction of enriching community experiences.

Tabletop Game Night was on held on Wednesday, June 14, for adults. Over 14 participants played board games. This fun-filled evening is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow gamers. Snacks and beverages were included. This program is a part of broadening patron experiences for emerging adults in their 20's and 30's.

On Saturday, June 23, fiber artist Michelle Ohm presented, *Covered in Stitches*, a contemporary embroidery workshop. Thirteen adult participants learned the basic stitches and created a wall hanging of their favorite vintage book cover. This program is a part of the library's strategic goal of broadening patron experiences.

Meditation Transformation, a seven session series culminated on July 21 and over 50 attendees enjoyed an introduction to meditation for life balance and self-care. Participants learned techniques to relieve stress and anxiety to feel more at ease in their daily lives. The series was geared for ages 16 and older and is part of the library's strategic goal of enhancing patron experiences.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

The library began the annual Summer Reading Program on June 11, which meant training teen volunteers for the weeks leading up to the program to prepare them for signing up patrons, organizing prizes, and helping patrons redeem prizes.

SCILAB

Sci-Lab programming returned with Robot Science, during which 50 children and their parents created a battery-powered robot and constructed robot obstacle courses. The program was a fun way to introduce children in Kindergarten through fifth grade to the fundamentals of robotics.

Summer SciLab continued with **Zoom in on Science**. This program was presented in collaboration with Oak Crest Institute of Science. Dr. Paul Webster and six other Oak Crest staff members and interns guided children in the setup and use of microscopes to examine paper currency and various natural materials. The goal of this program was to help children build confidence in using microscopes and give them the opportunity to learn independently and set goals for their learning. One child noted that learning about the features of money and examining it through the microscope will help her avoid fake money in the future. Twenty-eight children attended this program, accompanied by their parents and caregivers.

STORYTIMES

The library presented an evening storytime to accommodate families who can't make it to the existing morning storytimes. Families have been attending regularly and have appreciated the option to come enjoy stories, songs, and crafts at a time that works better for their schedule.

The library's **Maker Day** program, designed to teach children the basics of 3D design and printing, continued in the summer with the first program presented on June 22. During this program, 15 children used the library's laptops to design 3D objects in TinkerCad. Children set their own objectives and designed their own projects, and some of them continued working on their projects from home. The goal of the program was to encourage creativity and build problem-solving skills, and many children demonstrated these skills throughout the program by identifying design flaws and working with staff to find possible solutions.

Library staff and volunteers hosted a process art activity for children of all ages attending the **Friday Night Fair**. Families enjoyed using the outdoor space for library activities, which gave them the advantage of an open space and the flexibility to use a variety of art materials without the fear of making a mess. Since the program was held during the evening hours and visible from the park and playground, it attracted many families who had not yet used the library this summer or signed up for the Summer Reading Program. Volunteers and staff promoted upcoming programs and events at the library signed up families wishing to participate in the Summer Reading Program.

The library partnered with Oak Crest to offer a 3D printing workshop to teens enrolled in the Junior Research Academy. Each two-week session of the Academy included a one hour workshop led by library staff. The first session on June 29 was attended by 10 students in grades 8-10. Teens learned the basics of TinkerCad and viewed a demonstration of the library's new MakerBot Mini 3D printer. Attendees created their own name keychain and were given time for independent exploration and to design projects of their own choosing with guidance from library staff. The program added a new element to the Oak Crest curriculum and strengthened the partnership between the City, library, and Oak Crest Institute of Science.

One World, Many Stories – June 12, 19, 26

First through fifth graders are traveling the globe to learn about the seven continents! Each week we have gathered to learn about one out of the world seven continents. First, we explored North America while playing Library Bingo. The second week we studied Africa and ate real live bugs! The third week we discovered Asia and made Indian sand art and Japanese drums to take home. Each time we gather together we discuss stories from each area, play games, learn about stories, and have great fun. So far we have had a total of 150 children in attendance. Next month, we will stamp our passports for Europe, Antarctica, South America, and Australia. Introducing children to cultures from around the world is a great way to encourage understanding and empathy.

Benihana Program – June 30

Library Staff partnered with our local Benihana Restaurant from Arcadia. Twenty-five children made reservations to learn from a professional Sushi Chef how to make a California Roll and Candy Sushi. Every child in attendance received a red Benihana apron, chef hat, and a coupon to eat at the restaurant for free. This popular program was a huge success, especially when everyone was able to eat their creations. Total attendance (including parents) was 45. Providing the opportunity to see one food (candy) as another (sushi) was a great way to encourage children to be creative and flexible, key traits for academic success.

Monday Movie Night – June 11, 18, 25

Providing a family friendly film and free popcorn in an air conditioned setting brought out plenty of movie fans, both young and old. This month Library Staff provided a movie every Monday and families enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere as pajama wearing children brought their pillows and blankets and stuffed animals to view three entertaining films: Brave, Monkey Kingdom, and Sing. With the generosity of the Friends of the Monrovia Public library, we were able to host 301 people for all three shows.

TEEN EVENTS

The June Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meeting had 32 attendees, and throughout the month of June, TAB members volunteered a total of 631 hours, including their contribution to Summer Reading. Teens have been hard at work signing up patrons, organizing and distributing prizes and offering a helping hand in all sorts of programming this summer. In addition to volunteering, teens attended a smoothie-making program during which they learned food photograph techniques for social media. Fifteen teens tested out a variety of smoothie recipes, and the program provided teens with the space, tools and ingredients needed to experiment and use healthy ingredients in everyday cooking.