



**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Community Services, Library Division

MEETING DATE: August 27, 2020

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

On July 9, Veterans Resource Center staff attended the virtual *Veterans Connect @ the Library* Peer-to-Peer Workshop on Rebooting your Veterans Resource Centers Volunteer Program. The discussion included tips and tools to engage veteran benefit coaches virtually to keep them abreast of current resources available for veterans and their family members.

On July 9 & 23, Adult and Circulation Services staff hosted virtual *Game Nights*. Seven participants played *Jackbox* e-games and used their phone or tablets as controllers. The program is a way for the community to come together for some virtual fun and serves to broaden patron experiences, a goal of the library's strategic plan.

On July 16, Literacy Center staff hosted the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) online professional development meeting. Hosting virtual book clubs was the topic. Ongoing staff development provides Literacy Coordinators, staff and tutors with best practices for adult literacy services.

On July 17, Veterans Resource Center staff held a zoom meeting with volunteer veteran benefit coaches and guest speaker CalVet representative, Anthony Rodriguez, who updated staff and volunteers on current veteran benefit resources. Staff and volunteers connect both via phone and email throughout the month.

On July 28, Adult Services staff hosted the Novel T's Book Club virtually using Zoom. Staff provided training and tech support to group members. A total of 11 members participated in the discussion of *The Overstory* by Richard Powers.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meeting took place via Zoom on August 3, and was attended by 17 TAB members. The teens got updates about library services and learned about new opportunities to get involved in youth programming remotely. Teens are also invited to share with other teens the projects they have been doing at home. Those included trying to make Chick-Fil-A chicken nuggets, creating coloring sheets for younger siblings, and drawing K-Pop fanart. The content they shared is on the TAB website for other TAB members to see.

STORYTIME

This month, the books staff shared featured stories that showed children how to embrace literature in a whole new way, appreciate diversity, and demonstrated that we all have different ways of expressing ourselves. Staff continue to host weekly bilingual story times, strengthening language learning and providing opportunities to engage Spanish speaking families. Storytimes in July had a total of 1,853 views.

SCIENCE AT HOME

Viewers learned about the concepts of inertia when a towering egg dropped directly into water when its supports were quickly pushed away. Observing colored water travel down and up a long swath of paper towel placed in multiple cups of colored water demonstrated capillary action. Milk Magic shows kids that when you combine milk, dish soap, and food coloring, the soap molecules connect to the fat molecules in the milk, and the food coloring molecules get pushed around creating an artistic explosion of color. This colorful demonstration illustrates the way dish soap attracts grease to clean our plates. These are just some of the topics of the STEM videos this month. The videos continue to be popular and attracted a total of 1,001 views. The STEM videos support 21st Century Learning Skills which are integral to a child's development and part of the library's strategic plan.