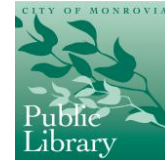




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

On February 2, Veterans Resource Center staff attended the virtual meeting of California Transition Assistance Program (CalTAP). The topic was *Empowering Women Veterans with Impactful Resources and Information*.

On February 10, Veterans Resource Center staff attended the virtual meeting of the USC Los Angeles Veterans Collaborative. The Collaborative meets to improve veterans access to services and reduce barriers to care. The topic was *Covid-19 Vaccines* presented by Anders Corey, Health Deputy LA County Board of Supervisors office of Kathryn Barger and included a Q&A session.

On February 17, Literacy Services Staff attended the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) online virtual workshop. The topic was *Family Literacy Programs* and the workshop provided literacy coordinators family literacy best practices and resources for programming.

On February 22, Literacy Center staff attended the Southern California Library Literacy Network (SCLLN) virtual meeting. The topic was *Open Door out of Poverty*, identifying barriers to learner success.

On February 23, Adult Services staff hosted the virtual Novel T's Book Club. A total of 16 members participated in the February discussion of *Educated* by Tara Westover.

On February 25, Veterans Resource Center Staff attended a virtual webinar, *Black Veterans History Appreciation*, presented by CalVet Minority and Underrepresented Veterans Division. The event highlighted the contributions of the Black service members in the Armed Forces and what it was like to live and fight for equality in the military and ways to support Black service members in the military in today's society.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

Storytimes

The Monrovia Public Library partnered with the *Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association (MDBAA)* by presenting four children's books that highlight Black children and their families. Members of the MDBAA shared what they liked about each book, and then staff read the stories. It was a wonderful way to connect

across generations through the medium of storytelling while celebrating our African American community. The four storytime videos received a total of 114 views on YouTube.

PROGRAMS

STEM

Children were encouraged to watch the Library's video *Science in Nature* series posted February 3, 2021 on the City of Monrovia's YouTube channel. They learned about rocks, minerals, crystals and gems. After, each family could make a reservation for a bag with a free geode and safety goggles, collecting their bag during Curbside Pickup hours. STEM programs support the library's strategic goal of providing Science and Technology related learning opportunities. The video received 60 views on YouTube.

Crafts

This month kids got to celebrate Valentine's Day by creating simple heart garland, and stretch their creativity by making monster bookmarks, making use of whatever items they have on hand. Crafts provide children with opportunities to refine their gross motor skills, problem solve and express themselves, all important components of 21st Century Learning Skills. The video received 20 views over the course of the month.

OUTREACH

Plymouth Outreach

Library staff was able to assist five Plymouth classes during Zoom outreach visits. Fourth and third grade classes learned how to find a book in the Library catalog and access additional resources online. This presentation showed students easy ways to find a book, get a free library card, receive free tutoring services, and checkout eBooks. They also learned how to view the program calendar, find the Library's educational videos, use an online encyclopedia, and connect to free language classes.

A fifth grade class listened to a *Book Talk* presentation that highlighted 20 new books in the library, and a kindergarten class was given a private storytime. The kindergarteners talked about what a librarian's job entails, read a book and sang a couple of songs to get up and move. In addition, the school's Special Education class enjoyed a 20 minute storytime that included music and songs. These five outreach visits provided services to 151 students and some of their parents.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meeting took place virtually on February 1, and attracted 21 teens. During the Zoom meeting, TAB volunteers signed up for programs to host over the spring and summer months, such as jewelry making and playing an online game. Teens also volunteered to help the *Youth Commission* with *Arbor Day* virtual programming. After the TAB meeting, four teens attended the demonstration for paper flower making. During the program, teens used supplies they had picked up beforehand to make three different types of paper flowers. Teens have been enjoying more hobbies and crafts outside of school time, and have been active in drawing, baking, and making crafts. Sharing those hobbies with each other keeps the sense of community in TAB and helps with social interaction outside of school.