



**CITY OF MONROVIA  
LIBRARY BOARD  
ADULT AND YOUTHSERVICES PROGRAM REPORT**



**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services  
Library Division

**MEETING DATE:** March 27, 2014

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**AGENDA LOCATION:** CC-2

**ADULT SERVICES**

**Library Tour:** Saturday, March 8, Staff gave tours of the Library to the Monrovia Area Partnership's Youth Leadership Academy participants. Staff was happy to hear the majority of the participants already had library cards and some were members of the Library's Teen Advisory Board. For those who had never visited the Library before, they were surprised by the Teen Area and interested in access to computers. The majority of their questions came in the Heritage Room, where they were intrigued to learn about the Library's local history collection, including the Monrovia High School Yearbooks and the first edition of Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle*.

**YOUTH SERVICES**

**STEAM Programming:** Based on the success of the November 2013 Science Month programming, incorporating science, technology, engineering, art and math, the Library presented the *Sun and the Stars* to 35 attendees in February. Amateur astronomer Carson Brucker discussed the sun and the lifecycle of a star. After the question and answer period, Mr. Brucker set up his solar telescope and gave everyone a turn viewing the sun in the daytime. The children were so fascinated by the experience they got back in line to take a second and third look at the sun.

**Storytime:** Following February's storytime hiatus, Staff started a new storytime series scheduled from March 4 through May 7. *Baby Storytime*, Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m., focuses on stimulating babies' senses with books and music. *Little Listeners*, Tuesdays at 10:34 a.m., presents stories and songs to children ages 2 to 5 years and their caregivers. *1-2-3 Play with Me*, Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m., focuses on parents and caregivers with children 4 years and younger.

The first *1-2-3 Play with Me*, presented Wednesday, March 5, gave 103 children and their parents/caregivers the experience of an early literacy program based on the Every Child Ready to Read parent education initiative that supports parents and caregivers in the role of their child's first teacher. To promote creative play, Staff developed interactive play stations locating them throughout the Youth Services area. The program concluded with circle time stories, rhymes and songs.

**Monrovia/Duarte Youth Summit:** Youth Commission and Teen Advisory Board participated in the Youth Summit on Saturday, February 22 at Monrovia High School. Teens attended various leadership sessions to learn about topics on How to Get to College, Girl Empowerment and Gang Awareness. The second half of the day, teens participated in extracurricular sessions such as Zumba, Cupcake Decorating and Ceramics. Culture Shock dance troupe livened up the crowd during lunch, while local vendors gave out free stuff, including haircuts. Each teen left with a Superheroes of Success tee-shirt, a

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backpack, and a certificate of participation for the day. Approximately 160 teens from both Monrovia and Duarte attended the event.

**Black History Month:** Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association sponsored a Black History Month program for teens grades six through twelfth on Wednesday, February 19. Teens watched the movie, *Ruby Bridges*, the story of a 6 year old girl who was the first African-American to attend an all-white school in New Orleans in 1960. Afterwards, teens participated in a discussion on segregation and integration in Monrovia. A total of 14 teens attended the event.