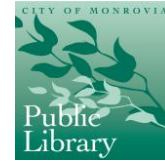




**CITY OF MONROVIA  
LIBRARY BOARD  
AGENDA REPORT**



**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services, Library Division

**MEETING DATE:** April 28, 2022

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**ADULT SERVICES REPORT**

***Literacy Services***

In March, a total of 34 learners and tutors participated in 5 programs. Staff on-boarded two new learners into Literacy Services. Some of this month's workshop resources for tutors and learners included *Pronunciation Resources*, *Tools for Clear Speech*, and *Northstar* a literacy database developed by a team from Literacy Minnesota, a national leader among adult literacy programs. *Northstar* is a free database and includes digital literacy standards, assessments, curriculum, and self-directed online learning.

***Veterans Services***

During the month of March, the Veterans Resource Center served a total of 76 veterans. County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) 10; Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) 7; and Veterans Resource Center (VRC) staff 59.

On March 9, staff hosted a virtual job skills workshop facilitated by Thomas Salazar from Jobs. Vision. Success. (JVS) SoCal. Four participants attended the workshop which included the importance of soft skills to employers and which attributes employers look for that make candidates well-rounded in the interview process.

***Novel T's Book Club***

On March 22, Adult Services staff hosted the hybrid (in person and virtual) Novel T's Book Club. A total of 9 members (5 in person, 4 virtual) participated in the monthly group discussion of *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte.

**YOUTH SERVICES REPORT**

***Storytimes***

Storytime in the Park for families with young children enjoyed wonderful spring weather in March. The children used egg shakers and bean bags during the storytime to aid in the development of fine and gross motor skills. As always, staff continue to tout the benefits of talking, reading, singing, writing and playing for young developing minds while also offering assorted opportunities to talk, read, sing, write and play at storytime. A total of 633 joined in the fun at the storytimes on Wednesdays and Saturdays in March.

## **Programs**

*St. Patrick's Day Event* – On Thursday, March 17, in the Youth Area of the library, library staff and teen volunteers assisted young patrons and their families with a themed craft activity. Three crafts were presented, one for each age group (preschool, child, teen). Very young children were able to make a rainbow cereal and shamrock necklace. Elementary aged children were encouraged to make a shamrock Leprechaun. Teens were given an origami style folding game to create and take home to play with others. There were 87 people in attendance.

*Virtual Programming* – This month's virtual offerings included storytimes on sharing and friendship as well as the booktalk series, "Ten Out of Ten", which encourages children to discover new titles. The videos in March had a total of 43 views.

*Teen Advisory Board (TAB)* – Last month's TAB meeting took place on March 7, and was attended by 28 TAB members. At the meeting TAB members received updates on programs to volunteer for in March and the upcoming *Laser Tag* program in April. They signed up to help with the *St. Patrick's Day* Craft event and Storytime in the Park on Saturdays. This was the last TAB meeting for Teen Librarian, Anush, and the teens expressed their gratitude for all her hard work after the meeting.

## **Outreach**

*Sierra Subaru Read Across America Event* – On March 2, staff took the Monrovia Reads Van to Sierra Subaru for their Read Across America event that included a donation of books to the van's collection from the Sierra Subaru team as well as giveaways for families. About 100 people attended the event.

*Mayflower Elementary* – On Thursday March 31, library staff hosted Mayflower Elementary's Special Education class for a Sensory Storytime experience. Interactive stories, touch and feel discussion cards, bean bag play, storytelling bags, and bubble dancing were some of the fun activities presented for the class of 15 students and the school staff.

*Canyon Early Learning Center Preschool (CELC)* – On March 31, library staff partnered with Monrovia Reads on a book distribution and presentation on literacy and library services for families at CELC's open house event attended by approximately 200 people. The families in attendance enjoyed free books for their home libraries as well as learning information about upcoming city events, the Adult Literacy program, and the Monrovia Reads Van.

*Monrovia Reads Van* – The van had a total of 19 visits across the community in March. A total of 984 students and families were served with staff creating 26 new library cards and the children borrowing 816 books.

Outreach to local schools both with the van and librarian school visits align with the library's strategic plan to provide wider access to library services across the community as well as provide services to those in South Monrovia. A total of 1,199 students and families were reached by library staff in March during outreach visits.