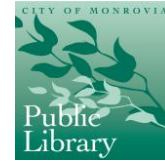




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: **Community Services, Library Division**

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2022

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ADULT SERVICES REPORT

Literacy Services

In April, a total of 31 Learners and Tutors participated in five programs. During this month, staff provided a family literacy kit for 30 families. The take-home kit included an activity, book, and family literacy tips. Encouraging families to read together helps children develop early literacy skills, develop fine motor skills, boost self-esteem, and encourage self-expression.

Veterans Services

During the month of April, the Veterans Resource Center served a total of 87 veterans. County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) 20; Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) 13; and VRC staff 54. This month, staff attended *Dismantling Inequities: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Volunteer Engagement* a workshop by the Minnesota Alliance for Volunteer Advancement (MAVA).

On April 1, staff presented the Military Service award to VFW Post 2070 Commander Floyd Henderson at the *Monrovia Chamber Awards Dinner & Installation* held at the Double Tree Hotel. The Veterans Resource Center was an honoree in 2019 and staff was asked to present the award to the new honoree.

On April 30, staff hosted a booth at the 12th Annual MAP Conference, *Be the Light: Coming Out Better and Stronger*. Hayden Velasquez, County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) was on hand to answer questions. Staff interacted with 9 veterans during the conference.

Novel T's Book Club

On April 26, Adult Services staff hosted the hybrid (in person and virtual) Novel T's Book Club. A total of 10 members (six in person, four virtual) participated in the monthly group discussion of *Isaac's Storm* by Erik Larson.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

Storytimes

On Wednesday storytimes, families gathered on blankets and chairs to hear stories, sing songs, dance, move, enjoy sensory activities, and make a craft. Themes highlighted were friends, birds, bugs, and community. These storytimes are geared to help young children with language skills, use their imagination,

develop social skills, and expand their world by hearing about a variety of cultures, people, and experiences.

On Saturday's Storytime in the Park, the beautiful weather and picturesque scenery of Library Park inspired and energized everyone as staff shared songs, rhymes, stories and crafts together in the park. They also used egg shakers and scarves during some storytimes to aid in the development of the fine and gross motor skills of the children participating in the program. 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. Lastly, the teen volunteers that help with the program continue to be helpful, energetic and indispensable. Staff are thankful for their continued support.

A total of 547 children and parents participated in Storytime in the Park programs in April.

Programs

Earth Day: Picture Perfect Scavenger Hunt

On Friday, April 22, the Library partnered with Recreation for a citywide *Earth Day* event. Families were encouraged to hunt for a list of items in Library Park. Once found, things like a flower, a bug, a leaf, a rock, a squirrel, or even water were photographed with the participant's device. Those who finished received an *Earth Day* themed reward. Approximately 43 people joined on the scavenger hunt.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

The April TAB meeting took place in the library and was led by the TAB officer board. A total of 21 members attended the meeting. At the meeting, members received updates on the many programs to volunteer for in April and the upcoming *Laser Tag* program later that week. They signed up to help with the city's *Spring Egg Hunt*, the *Earth Day Scavenger Hunt*, *Storytime* in the Park on Saturdays, planting a tree with the Youth Commission for *Arbor Day*, and helping with the Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association (MDBAA) Luncheon. At this meeting, they also heard about the Library Foundation Scholarships, the City's YES Internship, and the upcoming elections for TAB officer positions. The teens were excited to get involved and volunteer throughout the city.

The *Laser Tag* program took place on Friday, April 8 and was attended by 15 teens. During the program, teens broke up into groups and took turns playing for the entirety of the two-hour program. They had fun using the entire library for their games.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

The library continues to provide virtual storytimes and booktalks. In April, the Adult Service team launched videos highlighting the library's new career resource databases such as Coursera, LinkedIn Learning, and Learning Express. The virtual offerings by the library team had a total of 10,769 views in April 2022.

OUTREACH

Canyon Early Learning Center – On Thursday, April 28, Library Staff visited the Monrovia Unified School District (MUSD) public preschool and presented six storytime programs as the entire school rotated through their multipurpose room. Approximately 175 were in attendance.

The Monrovia Reads Van provided services to a total of 1,113 people in April at 14 visits across the community, including at local schools and community events like the Egg Hunt in Recreation Park on April 16 and the MAP Neighborhood Annual Conference on April 30.