



**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: **Community Services, Library Division**

MEETING DATE: June 23, 2022

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

Literacy Services

In May, a total of 33 learners and tutors participated in four programs. Nancy Matthews, Culture & Conversation volunteer facilitator has relocated out of state. Staff thanked her and wished her well on her new adventures in Colorado. The Conversation and Culture group has a new facilitator and is transitioning to a hybrid meeting format, which includes in-person and virtual starting in June.

Veterans Services

During the month of May, the Veterans Resource Center (VRC) served a total of 91 veterans. County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) 15; Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) 28; and VRC staff 48.

On May 21, staff hosted a booth at the Foothill Unity Center's Health, Resources and Support Fair. Hayden Velasquez, County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) was on hand to answer questions and process requests while library staff interacted with veterans. A total of three veterans were served at the event.

On May 28, staff attended the 24th Annual Tribute to Veterans and Military Families and on May 30, staff attended the Memorial Day Service at Live Oak Memorial Park.

In honor of Memorial Day, staff partnered with the *American Legion Women's Auxiliary* to collect donations for rehabilitation and assistance for local veterans and their family members. Individuals who donated were given a keepsake poppy handmade by veterans as part of their rehabilitation. Donations totaled \$163.00 and 100% of the donations go towards local veterans as they navigate their rehabilitation journey.

Novel T's Book Club

On May 24, Adult Services staff hosted the hybrid (in person and virtual) Novel T's Book Club. A total of 10 members (five in person, five virtual) participated in the monthly group discussion of *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

Programs

Create Your Own Zine

Throughout the month of May, children and teens were encouraged to build their creative skills by making their own zine with materials provided by the library. A zine is a mini magazine and allows young people to

explore their creative writing skills as well as their artistic abilities, blending literacy and art. Approximately 40 young people participated in this passive program in May.

3D Printing

The Makerspace's 3D printers, generously donated by the Library Foundation, have grown in popularity. Since January 2022, a total of 48 print requests have been received by staff. Patrons are allowed one free print per month and staff work with them to finalize their designs. The process supports the Strategic Plan's focus on "Building 21st century skills" in the community and allows patrons of all ages to learn design principals, 3D modeling, and problem solving.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

The May TAB meeting took place in the library and was led by the TAB officer board. There were 28 TAB members attended the meeting. The meeting began with an icebreaker activity planned by the TAB Officer Board. During the meeting, TAB members received updates on volunteering in May. They signed up to help the Friends of the Library prepare for their book sale that happened during Monrovia Days. At this meeting they also learned about the Library's Summer Reading Program and signed up for orientations to prepare for volunteering during the summer. It was a very fun meeting, and the members were excited about the upcoming Summer Reading Program.

The Summer Reading Volunteer Orientations were held on Tuesday, May 24th and Wednesday, May 25th in the Library. There were a combined 15 attendees for both orientations. During the meetings staff went over expectations for volunteering during the summer and discussed how the Summer Reading Program would work. The TAB members were excited to volunteer and participate in Summer Reading. The SRP volunteering will begin Monday, June 13th with teens helping at an information booth in the library's lobby.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

The library continues to provide virtual programming for all ages. In May, the Adult Services team continued to promote the library's new career skills databases, new books, and the Summer Reading Program. The virtual offerings by the library team had a total of 953 views in May 2022.

OUTREACH

Monroe Elementary – On Thursday, May 5, Monroe 2nd graders visited the library for stories and a tour of the library. Children also received library cards and were encouraged to participate in the upcoming Summer Reading Program. A total of 90 students and their teachers participated in the tour and storytime.

Wild Rose Elementary – On Friday, May 13, three classes from Wild Rose's Kindergarten came to the library for stories, tour, and library card distribution. They were also encouraged to participate in the upcoming summer Reading Program. There were 85 students and their teachers participated in the visit.

The Monrovia Reads Van finished the school year with 1,300 people served in May at 21 visits across the community, including at local schools and community events like the Monrovia Days Parade on May 14, Monrovia Reads Annual Fundraiser on May 19, and Santa Fe's Open House on May 26. Over the 21/22 service year, the van provided services to a total of 7,767 people, created 206 new library cards, and checked out 4,225 books at 155 visits across the community.