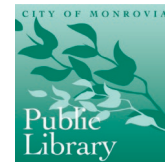




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Community Services, Library Division

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ADULT SERVICES REPORT

On June 25, staff hosted a *Hiking Safety* program and 27 people were in attendance, including a mix of families with young children and adults ages 18-50+. Attendees learned important hiking safety tips and tools from Canyon Park Supervisor, Eugene Suk and Canyon Park Coordinator Matthew McCarthy, as well as Steven Hartono of REI. REI supplied merchandise as a raffle for attendees. Attendees also learned about the California State Library's Parks Pass Program, which is a free vehicle day-use parking pass that is valid at over 200 State parks and beaches.

Literacy Services

In June, a total of 37 learners and tutors participated in six programs. During this month, staff hosted an in person financial literacy program with tips and tools for protecting personal and financial information. The program was presented by an Education & Outreach Specialist for the California Department of Financial Protection & Innovation and had six attendees.

Veterans Services

During the month of June, the Veterans Resource Center (VRC) served a total of 98 veterans. County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) 15; Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) 12; and VRC staff 71.

In June, staff attended a California Transition Assistance Program (CalTAP) and California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) workshop, *Presumptive Conditions: What You Should Know*. The workshop provided an overview of California's Specific Benefits related to service illness for service members, veterans and their family members.

Novel T's Book Club

On June 28, Adult Services staff hosted the hybrid (in person and virtual) Novel T's Book Club. A total of 13 members (nine in person, four virtual) participated in the monthly group discussion of *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card.

Youth Services Report

Storytime in the Park

Library Staff hosted storytime in Library Park on Wednesdays and Saturdays in June. Families gathered on blankets and chairs to hear stories, sing songs, dance, move, enjoy sensory activities, and make a craft. Themes highlighted were reading, sleep, transportation, and emotions. 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. Participants love to use manipulatives like egg shakers and scarves to aid in the development of the fine and gross motor skills of the children participating in the program. A total of 537 parents and children attended Storytime in the Park Programs in June.

LEGOs, LEGOs, LEGOs

On the afternoon of June 23, the LEGOs, LEGOs, LEGOs program drew an invigorated assortment of children between the ages of 6 and 11. The attendees were presented with seven different STEM-related challenges to assist in the development of critical thinking, problem solving and the ability to concentrate. The seven challenges were to use 39 bricks to produce anything, make an apparatus for a zipline, construct a playground for mini-figures, build any kind of vehicle, create a rainbow, spell their first name with LEGOs and assemble a rocket ship. Attendees also had the opportunity to enter a raffle for a LEGO STEM book by completing 5 of the 7 tasks. Each the participants completed the five activities to be entered into our raffle. A number of the parents and caregivers expressed their continued gratitude for the library and asked for more LEGO/science-related programming for school-aged children.

A total of 30 children participated in the Lego program in June

Max Lee Music Ukulele Series

During the month of June, three free ukulele lessons were offered to young patrons on Wednesdays 6/15, 6/22, and 6/29. In partnership with Max Lee Music in Monrovia, school-aged children were able to register for an introductory lesson that taught the parts of the instrument, beginning chords, and two songs. Each lesson offered new registrants the chance to sign up and learn. Since the library offers patrons the opportunity to check out a ukulele from the collection, extending an educational introductory lesson is a valuable service which enhances the patron's musical experience. Registration was limited to allow for a more intimate and personal hands-on tutorial. A total of 38 children participated in the ukulele classes in June.

Traveling Storytime with the Park Naturalists

On Saturday June 11, the Library partnered with Canyon Park Naturalists to present a very special storytime at Recreation Park. The attendees enjoyed stories, songs and rhymes we shared, along with a delightful, interactive presentation about animal senses. To cap off the event participants made noise makers and took part in a bubble dance party. The highlight of the event was an appearance by Oreo, a California king snake. The Library will be hosting another Traveling Storytime with the Park Naturalists on July 9 at Station Square Park at 10 AM. A total of 72 parents and children attended traveling storytime in June.

Teen Advisory Board Program

The June Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meeting took place in the library and was led by the TAB officer board. A total of 24 TAB members attended the meeting. The new and returning TAB Officers began the meeting by introducing themselves to the group and then led an ice breaker activity. During the meeting TAB members received updates on volunteering in June and signed up to help at the Murder Mystery Escape Room held on June 17. A total of 16 teens attended the Murder Mystery Escape Room program where they formed teams and worked together to solve a detective mystery throughout the program. This program gave teens the opportunity to develop communication skills, critical thinking, and social skills.

Virtual Programming

In June, staff provided virtual programming for all ages, including a storytime on mindfulness on YouTube and a new nonfiction unboxing video on Instagram. Virtual programming in June had a total of 1,182 views.

Outreach:

On June 3, Monroe 3rd graders came to the library for a library tour, storytime and book browsing. And on June 7, Bradoaks 4th graders came to the library for literacy games and book checkout. Enrollment in the Summer Reading Program was promoted during both visits. A total of 125 students visited the library during the month of June.

On June 23 and 24, library staff and the YES Intern visited Monroe Elementary, a summer school site, to promote literacy and the Summer Reading Program. Playing a fun and interactive game, students were tested on their knowledge about literature, the library, and summer. A total of 236 students attended six assemblies over two days.

Outreach visits either to the library or via staff visiting local schools, provided access to library services for a total of 361 students in June.