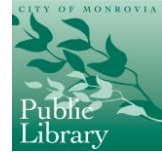




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
ADULT AND YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Community Services
Library Division

MEETING DATE: April 24, 2014

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

ADULT SERVICES

Programming: Staff hosted the *Water Conservation and Food Gardens* workshop on Thursday, March 20. Frank McDonough, Botanical Information Consultant for the Los Angeles Arboretum, talked about water conservation, Mylar covers, mulch, hydroponics, and more. Mr. McDonough demonstrated ways to test soil moisture from high end moisture detectors to the pencil test and how gardens can thrive in low-water conditions using the right methods and tools. There were 12 people in attendance for this workshop.

Roundtable: Staff attended Senator Carol Liu's *Future of California Public Libraries* roundtable held at the San Dimas Public Library on Friday, April 4. Approximately, ten library districts were represented, including the County of Los Angeles, Sierra Madre, San Marino, Monrovia, Glendora, Upland, South Pasadena, Whittier, and Pasadena. Senator Liu conducted the meeting with the assistance of District Representative Joyce Roys-Aguilera. The discussion included an update on the state budget and library legislation, including SCA 7-Wolk California Library Association's broadband proposal, SB 1455 Library Construction Act, SB 173 amending the Education Code related to adult education, and AB 86 Consortia Activities and Adult Education. The discussion included the struggles public libraries have with the homeless, mentally ill and crime. It was noted that it costs the state \$50,000 per incarcerated person per year. Twenty-six percent of the population of Los Angeles does not have a high school diploma, and fifty percent of the population is illiterate in English. Libraries depend on partnerships and collaborations to provide services, such as partnering with local historical societies to preserve local history, partnering with community volunteers to provide programs and fundraising opportunities, and partnering with other libraries and consortiums to provide training. Senator Carol Liu will continue to support legislation to promote public libraries to help them stay relevant in their communities. Senator Liu began her career as an educator, and understands the importance of spending more money on education rather than prisons.

YOUTH SERVICES

Grant: The Library has been awarded \$5,000 from the Books4U LSTA grant to purchase books. This is the second year the State Library has awarded money to all California public libraries and partnered with library consortiums, InfoPeople and Califa, to assist with the administration of the grant. The grant's focus is to support the Common Core curriculum by strengthening the library's fiction and non-fiction collections for students, educators and parents.

Play and Learn Island: The PAL Island is a free-standing cart that contains a combination of playful interactive supporting materials about learning through play. PAL is designed to support a range of play styles including imaginative play, experiential learning, constructive play, aesthetic exploration, and

creative problem solving. PAL supports the Library's parent educational initiative of Every Child Ready to Read. The island is on loan from the Rancho Cucamonga Public Library for six months at no charge.

STEAM Programming: Staff presented the *Three Little Pigs Building Contest* to 23 children and their parents on Saturday, March 1. Staff used the well-known story to introduce children to the basics of construction and structural support. The challenge was to design and create a structure that could withstand the force of a strong wind. Recycled materials used included drinking straws, paperclips, Popsicle sticks, rubber bands, and Legos. Families worked together to build a structure to protect a paper cutout of the Three Little Pigs against the strong winds from a hair dryer.

Staff presented *Design a City* to 34 participants on Saturday, April 5. Families dove into the project, letting imaginations loose, and ignoring building codes. The results are nothing short of inventive, whimsical and amazing. Although some took their creations home, there are several buildings on display in the Youth Services area.