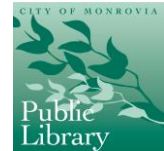




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
ADULT AND YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Community Services
Library Division

MEETING DATE: May 22, 2014

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

ADULT SERVICES AND YOUTH SERVICES

New Staff:

Edward William started his part-time Literacy Coordinator position March 17. He received his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the California State University, Los Angeles and his Master's degree in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. He also works at San Marino's Crowell Public Library as the Development Assistant for the Library Foundation.

Barbara Birenbaum started her part-time Librarian I position March 26. She also works for the Los Angeles Public Library system. She received a Professional Law degree from the University of Southern California Law School and a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Library and Information Science. Her current duties include staffing the Adult Reference Desk and collection development.

Courtney Blackburn started her part-time Library Page position April 7. She received her Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design/Fine Art. She also works as an Executive Assistant at a local law office.

Crystal Noe started her part-time Librarian I position April 15. She received her Master's degree in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. She also works at the Alhambra Civic Center Library. Fall 2013, Crystal interned at the Library, staffing the Adult Reference Desk, contributing to redesigning the website and assisting with the Heritage Room's digitization project. Her current duties include staffing the Adult Reference Desk and assisting with the digitization project.

Elizabeth Bell started her part-time Library Page position April 15. She received her Master's degree in Library, Archival and Information Science from the University of British Columbia. She also works at the Downey City Library.

Staff Development: Through a competitive application process, Librarian II Rebecca Elder has been chosen to attend an all-expense paid *Now We're Talking* workshop, sponsored by Cal Humanities. The program includes a two-day hands-on dialogue facilitation training, June 9 and 10, in the San Francisco Bay Area. The workshop will focus on issues of veterans' homecoming, the topic of the War Comes Home initiative. The workshop is designed to equip librarians with tools to lead discussions using excerpts from the CA Reads selection, *What It Is Like to Go to War* by Karl Marlantes. The workshop will make use of literature, photographs and video clips as a springboard to encourage community dialog.

Literacy Coordinator Edward William and Youth Services Librarian II Rebecca Elder participated in the California Library Association's Spring Fling Program, *In the Branding: It's Never Been More Personal* on April 25 at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center in Rancho Cucamonga. Presenter Francie Palmer, Community Outreach and Marketing Manager of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, discussed branding and marketing strategy concepts applicable for projects, departments and organizations. Topics included brand building, brand equity and the importance of brand consistency for professional organizations. Participants included approximately 50 library and literacy staff members from the Southern California area.

Bookmark Contest: The Friends of the Monrovia Public Library sponsored the sixth annual Bookmark Contest; open to participants of all ages. Ninety-seven entries were submitted by the April 12 due date. Five age categories were judged: zero to five years, six to eight years, nine to eleven years, twelve to eighteen years and adults nineteen years and older. Two winners were chosen from each age group and the winning bookmarks will be reproduced by Friends of the Library and given out as a reading reward to participants in the Summer Reading Club. The contest winners will receive 50 copies and Friends Book Store gift certificates.

Teen Advisory Board: The annual Youth Commission/Teen Advisory Board Arbor Day Ceremony was held April 24 at Fire Station 102. Teens spoke to approximately 35 City dignitaries and community members about the history of Arbor Day and planted a Crape Myrtle tree in front of the fire station to honor the new Monrovia/Arcadia Regional Training facility. Deputy Forester, Jon Baker from the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, San Dimas Forestry Unit, presented Monrovia with the Tree City USA Award.

Collection Development: This month's Spanish book display, located in the lobby, highlights the Library's new Spanish language books purchased with donations from the Friends of the Monrovia Public Library. This collection continues to show an increase in circulation, demonstrating the Library is meeting the needs of the Hispanic population in the community.

Programming: April 10, the Library hosted a Resume Writing workshop to six attendees. Staff demonstrated how to use the Library's online resources to edit and create resumes, including using the JobNow online resource to submit resumes and get feedback from professional staff.

Youth Services Storytime and Playtime programming is on hiatus beginning Thursday, May 8 while Library Staff prepares for the Summer Reading Club and summer activities. Storytimes will resume on Tuesday, June 17.