

CITY OF MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD AGENDA REPORT



DEPARTMENT: Community Services

Library Division

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TITLE: Adult and Youth Services Program Report

Literacy Services: August 16, the Library hosted a tutor training for 22 participants. Library staff from Azusa, Covina, Glendora and Monrovia pooled resources to combine efforts to support Literacy Services in the area. Volunteers learned techniques on tutoring, and the nine participants from Monrovia are now ready to go through the Human Resources process to become volunteers and start working one-on-one with Adult Learners to improve their reading, writing and speaking skills.

Interns: The Library employed three teen interns during the summer. Alexis Silva was hired through the Workforce Investment Act Youth Employment Program in partnership with Santa Anita Family Services. Alexis assisted Acting Library Office Supervisor Julie Gallardo with administrative tasks and assisted Youth Services staff with Summer Reading Club activities. Alexis had a lot of experience with the Summer Reading Club program through her experience working as a teen volunteer.

Crystal Cyrus and Jasmine Martinez were hired through the City's Youth Employment Services (YES) summer job program. They received on the job experience managing the weekly STEAM programs, assisting with guiding teen volunteers, and putting together the weekly prize package incentives. They also received weekly training from Human Resources and Information Services staff, developed a PowerPoint presentation about their work experience in the Library and presented it to City staff before graduating from the summer program.

Storytime: Following the August hiatus, the Library began presenting Storytime programs the first week in September on Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m., Staff presents *Baby Storytime* to children 6 months through 24 months and their parents and caregivers. Staff introduces early literacy activities through books, rhymes, and songs to stimulate children's senses.

Also on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m., Staff presents *Little Listeners Storytime* to children 2 years through 5 years and their parents and caregivers. Preschoolers are introduced to pre-literacy skills and socialization through stories, songs, and activities.

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., Staff presents 123 Play with Me to children 4 years and under and their parents and caregivers. Staff introduces activities to help build cognitive, social, physical and early literacy skills using talking, reading, writing, and playing and singing activities.

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