



**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Community Services
Library Division

MEETING DATE: October 23 , 2014

PREPARED BY: Linda Granicy,
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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

Adult and Youth Services Programming

California Reads: September 23, Cal Humanities' War Comes Home event kicked off with the Novel T's book discussion on Carl Marlantes' *What it is Like to Go to War*. The discussion was lively and especially meaningful with two veteran attendees giving their personal perspectives on the topic. Staff reported some of the attendees were still in deep discussion after the Library closed, demonstrating the success of the program to fulfill Cal Humanities' mission to connect Californians and start conversations that matter.

Programming continued during the month of October, with a four week series of Yoga and Meditation for stress, and pain management for veterans, presented by David Ibrahim. Mr. Ibrahim, a local Clinical Yoga Therapist and Addiction Counselor, specializes in veterans rehabilitation. The program began Saturday, October 4, and will end Saturday, October 25. The program runs from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Community Center's Monroe Room.

Traci Kato-Kiriyama will teach the Creative Writing workshop for family members and friends of veterans on Wednesday, October 22, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Ms. Kato-Kiriyama is a writer, actor, educator, and community organizer.

Workshops: Acting Circulation Supervisor Julie Gallardo and Librarian II Annette Simpson attended the monthly Local Government Supervisory Program. The program is for local city staff offered through the College of Extended University at Cal Poly Pomona.

Programs: The Library partnered with the League of Women Voters to register voters. September 23, National Voter Registration Day. A table was set up outside the Library building to assist the public with voter registration. Approximately, five people were assisted in a two hour period. Monday, October 6 was the last day to register, and be eligible to vote in the November General Election.