



**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Community Services
Library Division

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TITLE: Adult and Youth Services Program Report

STAFFING: The Library is happy to announce two vacant Library Page positions have been filled by Jay Delgado, and Ashlee Null. Jay started his position January 26, and comes to Monrovia with experience working for the County of Los Angeles Public Library system, and he is currently working for the Alhambra Unified School District. Ashlee started her position February 3, and comes to Monrovia with experience working for book stores, including her current employment at Vroman's Book Store.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMMING: February 3, Community Services Staff partnered with the Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association, and the Monrovia Historical Museum to present a report to the City Council on the community's activities celebrating Black History Month.

During the month of February, the Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association presented programming on Buffalo Soldiers at the High School, a movie and discussion at the middle schools, and an art festival at the elementary schools. February 8 and 15, the Museum sponsored the North Stars: Canonizing the American Abolitionists. Artist Hope Demetriades featured her art inspired by American abolitionists. Recreation Staff presented activities for reading, sharing stories, and watching videos at Youth Sports, Monrovia Reads and Plays, and Youth Commission programs.

During the month of February, the Library's Youth Services Staff hosted a story quilt community art project. The project was inspired by artist-author Faith Ringgold's books, *Cassie's Word Quilt* and *Tar Beach*. Ms. Ringgold won the Caldecott Award for *Tar Beach*, and her artwork has been displayed at New York's Guggenheim Museum, and the Whitney Museum. Just as Ms. Ringgold used quilts as a vehicle to tell her stories, children were invited to create their stories on quilt squares. The quilt squares were assembled to form story quilts that were displayed on the walls as you entered the Youth Services Area.

February 11, teens in grades 6 through 12 were invited to watch a movie about African American events, and people who have had a great impact on the world today. After the movie, teens were encouraged to discuss the message, and theme of the movie. This event was sponsored by the Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association.

Also during the month of February, the Library's Adult Services Staff showcased the history, and contributions of African Americans with a lobby display of books to check out, and an interactive message wall of photos and quotes from notable people. The public was encouraged to contribute their thoughts and feelings on the message wall.

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Community Services Staff was excited to be part of the community's celebration for Black History Month. Staff designed programs that inspired the community to learn about people, and events that shaped American history, arts, culture and society, as well as provided opportunities for the community to share their thoughts, feelings and ideas to tell their stories and to continue the conversation.