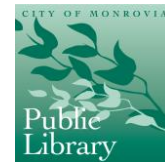




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Community Services, Library Division

MEETING DATE: September 22, 2022

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

Literacy Services

In August, a total of 45 Learners and Tutors participated in eight programs. Culture & Conversation and Book Club continue with hybrid (Zoom and In-Person) meetings. Staff provided 30 Family Literacy Book and Activity kits for families to read and engage in literacy skills together. Staff attended U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Naturalization 101 Tools/Resources provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which provided online tools and resources to help learners prepare for the naturalization process.

Veterans Services

During the month of August, the Veterans Resource Center served a total of 118 veterans. County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) 35; Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) 21; and VRC staff 62. In August, staff attended a Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Off-Base Transition Training (OBTT) pilot program. This in-person, and virtual-hybrid workshop offered by the U.S. Department of Labor shared opportunities to enable all veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses meet their employment goals.

On August 20th 2022, staff hosted an in-person presentation by Mr. Rhainel Miel, a Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) Squad Leader. Mr. Miel shared how VPAN helps veterans receive the military benefits they earned. Topics include service connection, mental health support, housing, job search, burial benefits and more.

Novel T's Book Club

On August 23, Adult Services staff hosted the hybrid (in person and virtual) Novel T's Book Club. A total of 12 members (Seven in person, five virtual) participated in the monthly group discussion of *The Hummingbirds Daughter* by Luis Alberto Urrea.

Community Development Housing Workshop

On August 30, staff partnered with the Community Development Department to hold an informational workshop on recent developments in housing, including Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), SB9 Dwellings, and Urban Lot Splits for a total of 18 attendees.

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YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

Programs

Family Wellness and Yoga Series

During the month of August, the Library collaborated with Kayla Stra from Santa Anita Hot Yoga in Arcadia. Bringing the mind and body together, this yoga program allowed children and the adults in their lives to practice breathing, meditation, and poses. This very special form of relaxation helps children manage their anxiety, improves emotional regulation, boosts self-esteem, increases body awareness and mindfulness, enhances concentration and memory, develops strength and flexibility, and teaches discipline while at the same time reducing impulsivity. Music, varied sounds, and sensory items were also part of the experience. Every Saturday, participants met the instructor in Library Park at 10:00 a.m. under the shade of the trees. A total of 90 caregivers and children attended the events.

Teen Program

The August Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meeting took place on August 1st in the library and was led by the TAB officer board. A total of 35 TAB members attended the meeting. During the meeting, TAB members received updates on volunteering in August. They signed up to help at the *Laser Tag Program*, *Teen Scene* in Library Park, and the *Saturday Afternoon Youth Craft* program on September 3rd. TAB members also started volunteering on Tuesday afternoons to help Ms. Annette prepare crafts and activities for her Storytime and Craft programs.

Thirty teens registered for and 25 teens attended the Teen *Laser Tag* event on August 12. Teens were able to sign up for teams and rotated playing laser tag games. For teens who were not playing laser tag, there were board games and refreshments. They also had the opportunity to go to *Teen Scene* in Library Park, which was happening at the same time. This program gave teens the opportunity to develop communication skills, critical thinking, and social skills.

The TAB members also helped host *Teen Scene* on Friday August 12 and made keychains and buttons in Library Park. TAB volunteers helped attendees make charms out of air-dry clay and turn them into keychains. The teens helped welcome everyone at their table and led them in the activity.

Virtual Programming

In August, staff shared a virtual storytime on the library's YouTube channel about the universal themes of friendship and growing up. A video was also posted on the library's Instagram account promoting the new Launchpad collection for families. Virtual programming in August received a total of 757 views across the two platforms.

Outreach

Staff attended *Back to School* Night events at Monrovia High School, Wild Rose Elementary and Monroe Elementary. Staff spoke with a total of 115 parents about upcoming library programs and the return of the Monrovia Reads van to schools in September. Parents were delighted to hear the van would be back and were excited for fall programming.

Staff also attended the annual Foothill Unity *Back to School* Event at Santa Anita Race Track in August. The event provides back to school supplies and services for local families, with a total of 800 attendees at this year's event.

Staff provided a total of 915 community members with library services at outreach events in August.