



**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Community Services
Library Division

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TITLE: Adult and Youth Services Update

SUMMER READING CLUB

Mural: What would happen if you had a great idea and no budget? Librarian I Gail Gebbia started with an idea for a community paint-by-numbers mural project and called Mt. Sierra College to see if they were interested in a partnership. Not only was Mt. Sierra College interested, but President William Kakish, Ph.D., Associate Dean Tim Botegan, Global Marketing Director Vicky Panossian, and Lead Instructor for Visual Design Mike Pace thought the project would make a great contest opportunity for their students and the mural project committee was formed. Mt. Sierra added Reference and Instructional Librarian Ceora Brown to the committee, and Gail added Librarian II Annette Simpson and Carpenter Jimi Hendrix.

Mural judges included Former Mayor Mary Ann Lutz, Library Board President Barbara Radford, and Gail. The mural entries were so inspiring, the judges chose two winners. At the award ceremony on May 11, Mt. Sierra College announced the winners and runners-up and celebrated their partnership with the Library in this special community project. Winners Scott Lane and Lara de Costa each received a full semester's tuition from the college.

The murals will be unveiled at the Summer Reading Club Kick-Off event on Saturday, June 20 starting at 12:00 p.m. During the summer, the community will have the opportunity to be active participants in the creation of public art.

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Butterfly Project Expands to the Library: The Library was the proud parent of a butterfly garden habitat kit. Canyon Park and the Monrovia Schools Foundation formed a partnership to provide resources and tours of Canyon Park for second grade students in support of California's science core curriculum. The Library's butterfly habitat was on display in the Youth Services area and was a popular attraction for children and parents. The habitat went through the process of transforming from caterpillars to chrysalises and finally to butterflies. The butterflies were set free in Library Park on Saturday, April 25.

Library Storytimes: The weekly storytimes are on hiatus from May 4 through June 13. Staff is taking this time to prepare for the Summer Reading Club and to promote the summer program at school assemblies. Baby Storytime and Little Listeners will begin Tuesday, June 16 and Play with Me will begin Wednesday, June 17.

Candy Science @ the Library: What do you get when you combine the scientific method and your favorite sweets? Curiosity and smiles! On April 28, 30 families discovered whether Snickers Bars would sink or float and why they floated in Diet Coke but sank in regular Coke. Participants tested Skittles and M&Ms to discover which were water soluble and explored the density of water and oil using Pop Rocks. This drop-in program gave families the opportunity to interact in new ways, learn about science, and be inspired to continue learning.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the Library invites the community to hang positive wishes on the display of lattice panels in the lobby. In many Asian cultures a common tradition, especially during festivals, is to write down a wish and hang it on a special tree or structure.

Neighborhood Conference Staff presented Connecting with the Library in Your Pajamas workshop. Although only a few participants took advantage of the workshop, Librarian II Carol Kampe and Volunteers Amy Green and Vince Paterno were able to present information that was more personalized to the interests of the attendees.

Law Day: In celebration of Law Day, Staff invited local attorneys to answer legal questions for local residents at no charge. On April 29, two local law firms donated their time to offer free legal advice to residents. The firms answered questions about trusts, probate, employment law, real estate and other areas of law. The 13 attendees found the program very helpful and expressed a desire for the Library to make this an annual event.