



**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Community Services
Library Division

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ADULT SERVICES AND YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

Literacy Services: Our annual fundraiser, Team Up! Dream Up! For Literacy is on the horizon and now is the time to reserve your seats. Get your competitive game on and get ready to play, **Community Feud!** If you would like to build a team of co-workers, friends, or family members, come join us on Sunday, November 8th from 1-3 pm. Teams can be up to 10 members and tickets are available for purchase at the Library Circulation Desk. Your support ensures that our community members from infant through adult develop the skills to read and succeed.

Adult Programming: A Social Security Workshop is being offered on Tuesday, September 29th from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Library Community Room. Join us to learn about filing for Social Security benefits and exploring ways to maximize Social Security income benefit. Let us help you take the stress out of filing.

Youth Programming: The Monrovia Public Library is hosting a reading program for children ages 0-5 to gain school readiness skills called On the Road to Reading. The goal is for adults to read as many books as possible to children from September 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016. For every 50 books read, children receive an incentive to encourage lifelong reading and early literacy skills. Learning to read begins at birth, and parents and caregivers are a child's first and best teacher. Reading everyday can increase their Narrative Skills, Letter Knowledge, Print Awareness, Phonological Awareness, Print Motivation and Vocabulary before they head off to Kindergarten. CNN reported in 2014 that by age 4, children who have not been read to often hear fewer words which leads to a limited vocabulary. 30 million children start Kindergarten with a 'word gap', and have trouble catching up in their academic future. Children and caregivers accepting the On to Road to Reading challenge can sign up online at cityofmonrovia.org/library or at the Youth Services desk.

Tutoring for Kindergartners to 8th graders will be available for free in the Library Storytime Room on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-5 pm starting September 14th. This is in partnership with the Pro-Active Tutoring program, which will send college tutors to help with reading, math and language arts.

Teen Programming: On August 10, the Library hosted a party to thank the Summer Volunteers for volunteering 1,184 hours this summer. They enjoyed a pizza party while watching Guardians of the Galaxy, and were given coupons for free food all over the city. Twenty-nine teens were in attendance.

Staff had a special Water Conservation meeting for the Teen Advisory Board and Youth Commission on September 2. Representatives from the Public Works division spoke about being mindful about where water comes from and best practices for using less, as well as how to read a water meter. Eighteen teens ate pizza and were asked to go back to their families to spread the word.