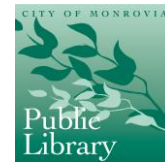




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Public Services, Library Division

MEETING DATE: February 25, 2016

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ADULT SERVICES REPORT

The Monrovia Public Library celebrated Black History Month in February. The theme for 2016 is Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories. Displays in the Library highlighted locations throughout the U.S. where African Americans made history.

On February 20 the Library hosted Harriet Glickman, a Los Angeles resident who wrote a letter to Charles Schulz in 1968 requesting he include an African American character in the Peanuts comic strip. Ralph Walker and KGEM filmed Mrs. Glickman shares her experiences. The 1977 movie, *Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown* culminated the event.

The Healthy Monrovia Series continued with Stress Management as February's topic. Participants were offered practical tips on how to identify and manage stress. The series of five wellness programs is presented by representatives from Chapcare of Monrovia.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

A representative from Metro attended every storytime to discuss the opening of the Metro Gold Line and present safety education for using the train. Parents and caregivers were given the opportunity to ask questions, and children took home paper trains.

Maker Monday sprouts up every Monday in the Youth area for children of all ages to create and design. Various art supplies are put out Monday mornings behind the children's reference desk. Visitors can come behind the desk, and get whatever they need to start creating. There are no specified outcomes for the projects. The purpose of the Maker Monday is to create an opportunity for critical thinking. The first Maker Monday consisted of construction paper, buttons, tissue paper squares and markers.

Pictures of prominent people in Black History were displayed in the Youth area. Around the Youth Reference Desk were important people in history, and on the wall were current Black Americans who have made a positive impact in our society. Many of the pictures also had QR codes so patrons could link to videos showing their accomplishments. For instance – Flo Jo runs the 100 meter dash to receive a gold medal and be the fastest woman ever. Members of the Monrovia/Duarte Black Alumni Association hosted two programs at the Library to celebrate Black History Month. On Wednesday, February 17, Tim Fisher showed teens and tweens a movie about the Underground Railroad and gave out snacks. He spoke to the teens about what it was like in Monrovia during the 60's and answered questions. On

Saturday, February 27, Betty Fisher, Joannie Yuille and others will read stories about Black History. Children and adults were invited to celebrate the month and learn about the past. An art project followed the storytelling.

Valentine's Day was celebrated at the *Love is in the Air* program on Saturday, February 13. Cupid brought his favorite stories, songs and art materials and a movie to the Library in honor of love, hearts and Valentines.

Families with children in grades 1 through 5 were invited on Wednesday, February 24 to participate in a STEAM program that integrates science, technology, engineering, art and math called T.P. in the Library. The Library provided a room full of toilet paper tubes to build creations such as Hot Wheels tracks, puppets or whole cities. Staff encouraged families to meet, discover and learn.

TEEN SERVICES REPORT

The Teen Advisory Board voted to watch *Space Jam* for their February Movie Mania program. A total of 22 teens watched Michael Jordan save the world from aliens while drinking Gatorade and eating doughnuts, chips, and cheese and crackers. Carrots were also available in honor of Bugs Bunny.