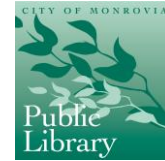




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Public Services, Library Division

MEETING DATE: March 24, 2016

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

The Monrovia Public Library celebrated Women's History Month in March. Displays highlighted accomplishments of women throughout history and an interactive component inviting Monrovia residents to honor local women.

On March 5, the Library celebrated the grand opening of Metro's Gold Line Foothill extension at Station Square in Monrovia. The Library, distributed over 400 free books and promoted Library programs and services.

On March 7, the Library presented *Make Over Your Medicine Cabinet* with host Kate Garland. Participants learned about simple solutions using therapeutic-grade essential oils to support the immune systems, increase energy, sleep soundly, and improve memory and concentration.

The Healthy Monrovia Series featured *Healthy Living* as the topic in March. Participants were offered practical tips and suggestions on how to eat healthy and stay active. The series of five wellness programs is presented by representatives from Chapcare of Monrovia.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

The new mural in the Youth Services hallway was honored on Friday, March 11 with a reception. Local artist Mike Stilkey created the mural over a three week period. The animals depicted in the mural are Monrovia area animals – a deer, bear, raccoon, and wild cat. All of the people who helped to make the mural possible were recognized and are memorialized on a plaque located next to the mural – Monrovia Public Library Foundation, the Art in Public Places Committee, the City of Monrovia, CCA Woodworks, and the Friends of the Monrovia Public Library.

The Library added an additional Storytime to our weekly schedule. Little Listeners, a program geared toward children ages 2-5 and includes an open-ended art project, will now be available on Monday mornings at 11 a.m. and the original date/time, Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

The Monrovia Public Library provided a program to help children and their families gain global awareness. Green Day at the Library was on Saturday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m. The forty people in attendance listened to stories, played Recycle Bingo, and watched a short film based on the book *The*

Curious Garden by Peter Brown. Home Depot employees were on hand to assist children in planting a Jelly Bean Plant (Brown Bean Sedum) in a recycled toilet paper tube. We also used toilet paper tubes to create a bird feeder that children could take home and hang in a tree. Each participant received a Home Depot apron to wear home along with new knowledge about the 3 R's: Recycling, Renewing and Reusing.

Swashbuckling tales of high sea adventures and pirate plunder were presented at the Pirate's Life for Me program on Wednesday, March 23, Children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade were asked to come aboard the ship for stories, songs, art project, snacks and more.

Sensory Movie Night will be held on March 29, and intended for children with special needs accompanied by siblings and caregivers, although everyone is welcome. We will be watching Minions. The room will be brighter, the volume of the movie lower, and the audience will be welcome to move around and talk during the movie. This special movie night is created to be an accepting and understanding environment for individuals with autism or other special needs and their families to enjoy watching a movie.

Monrovia Public Library is partnering with Art Time to offer a free introductory art class to our patrons on Wednesday, March 30. Art Time provides a unique and revolutionary approach to teaching kids how to draw and paint beautifully. The class is free for children ages 5-12 but they must register because space is limited.

TEEN SERVICES REPORT

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) chose to watch *What About Bob?* for Movie Mania on Friday, March 11 in the Library Community Room. Participants ate appetizers such as squeeze cheese and crackers, and drank sparkling apple cider.

Big Monopoly morphed into Life-Sized Life. The teens got together on Friday, March 18 to play the Game of Life. They made the gameboard out of paper and lead players around the Library. Cars were represented by baskets, which were used to collect money and children.

Additional outreach visits this month included trips to Canyon Oaks, Monrovia High School, Clifton and Santa Fe Middle Schools to promote the programs and services available for teens at the Monrovia Public Library. This month is *March 4 Balance* and the Library supported *Healing Connections*, a task force of members from the community and community organizations who raise awareness of suicide prevention and related mental health issues.