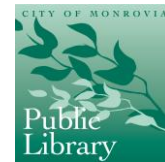




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Public Services, Library Division

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ADULT SERVICES REPORT

On Thursday, May 12, Library Staff attended the annual *Serving with a Purpose Conference* at the Ontario Convention Center. The 2016 theme was Leadership: "Leading a Legacy". Key note speaker, Jean Block, a nationally recognized consultant and author presented information on leadership for Library Boards, Foundations, and Friends. New York Times best selling author Jacquelyn Mitchard was on hand to promote her latest novel, *Two if by Sea*.

DIY Essential Oil Remedies were offered on May 19 in the Library Community Room as part of the de-stress series for adults. Participants made two roller-ball blended therapeutic essential oil remedies to take home. Kate Garland of Kate Yoga hosted the program.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

On Wednesday, April 27, the Library hosted a program about comets, asteroids, and meteors. A representative from JPL came to speak to the children and share facts, videos, and beautiful photographs. Our speaker even brought rocks for the children to hold as they compared the weight, size and color of the two samples. After the presentation the children went to four stations around the room. Station 1: Create A Crater – children threw golf balls and ping pong balls into a box of flour to see the difference between size and width of the craters made from impact. They also stood on a ladder to compare the difference when throwing from a distance. Station 2: Design a Moon – participants painted a circle on black construction paper and made craters by forming circles with toilet paper tubes. Station 3: Make a Rocket – Using two sizes of straw (one that fit into the other) children were able to launch a paper rocket, that they designed, across the room. Station 4: Observation Table – our young scientists wrote in their observation logs, using descriptive words and drawings, and compared different displayed "rocks" (which were really candy bars). They then gave their hypothesis as to what the name of each candy bar was. There were 53 in attendance.

The Library celebrated the 20th anniversary of **El Día de los Niños, El Día de los Libros** on Saturday, April 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Monrovia's new Station Square Park. Día is a nationwide initiative to celebrate children from all backgrounds, and connect families to resources in their community. The event brought multiple families with children of all ages to the Station Square Park. The celebration started with an upbeat Zumba dance workout led by an instructor from Monrovia Unlimited Fitness, who kindly volunteered her time. Afterwards, children and their parents enjoyed decorating and eating

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cookies, making bookmarks from recycled book covers, and strolling through the park on a Story Book Walk as they read two great books by Andrea Beaty – *Rosie Revere, Engineer*, and *Iggly Peck, Architect*. Several families stayed throughout the entirety of the program, enjoying the children’s music coming through the speakers and alternating between activities and the playground. All of the event attendees enjoyed the personalized attention and interaction from the library staff, and learned about the library and the programs offered. There were a total of 45 participants in the event.

Monrovia celebrated May the 4th with a Star Wars Storytime and an art project. Jedi, Darth Vaders and Ewoks listened to Han Solo stories, recited nursery rhymes in Yoda-ese, told Star Wars jokes, and created mini R2D2 and BB8. About 80 children and adults attended the event.

Librarians performed storytime at the Friday Night Fair on Friday, May 20 at 6 PM on Myrtle Avenue. Children and adults were invited to sit on the storytime rug and participate in stories and songs, flannelboards and finger plays. Everyone danced to shake their sillies out. Storytime and checking in for the Summer Reading program will be a weekly event at the Friday Night Fair starting June 17 until July 29.

Youth Librarians used the month of May to outreach to children and adults about the Summer Reading Program and talk about the many programs and opportunities the Library has to offer in the summer. Staff attended all five elementary school assemblies, Bradoaks Parent Night, and Monrovia High School Career Day. They had school visits in the Library, performed reader’s advisory booktalks at the middle schools, and did the last Great Stories grant visit for Canyon Oaks students.

TEEN SERVICES REPORT

In appreciation of the many volunteer hours the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) members have dedicated to the Library this past year, Staff is hosting a Big Birthday Costco Food Night Leonardo DiCaprio Appreciation Celebration on Friday, May 27 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. All birthdays will be celebrated with a white elephant exchange and awards will be given out, including TAB member of the year. Teens can graze from station to station and enjoy Costco delights, while watching *Inception*. Leonardo DiCaprio has been invited but has yet to RSVP.