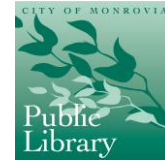




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Public Services, Library Division

MEETING DATE: July 28, 2016

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

Traditional Southern Cooking and Culture was offered on July 13 in the Library Community Room. Local caterer, Sally Atkins prepared traditional foods of the southern United States. Participants enjoyed delicious samples of chicken gumbo, fried green tomatoes and macaroni and cheese.

Most everyone is familiar with reducing the *summer slide* by providing reading activities for youth. Did you know that the library also helps adults with *brain drain* and provides games for adults that challenge the mind? *Love Your Brain Games* is an ongoing activity held throughout the summer reading program which provides access to a variety of mind games in person and online.

Victor Castellanos, Literacy Coordinator hosted two *Meet and Greet* events with tutors on Tuesday evening, July 19 and Saturday afternoon, July 23. Victor met with tutors and discussed roles and goals, tutor training, learner sessions; and online software programs. An open forum was provided for tutor feedback and networking.

The Monrovia Public Library was awarded the *Veterans Connect @ the Library* grant for 2016-17. Grant funds total \$9,725.00 which will be allocated for books; supplies; display equipment; programming; computers and staff support.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

The Summer Reading Program promoted reading to babies through adults from June 13 to July 30, with the goal of encouraging daily reading and an interest in lifelong learning. Participants received incentives every time they reached their goal of reading for seven days. With the library goal of having something for families to participate in every day during the program, library staff put together many fabulous programs and experiences for all ages. Monday Movie Night was offered every Monday night in June and July, and was sponsored by the Friends of the Monrovia Public Library. Families set up blankets and enjoyed free popcorn. The program had a weekly attendance of 75 people or more per week.

Along with the weekly preschool and baby storytimes offered Monday through Wednesday mornings in the Library, families shook their wiggles out at *Family Dance Party* on Thursday nights at Station Square Park, and stopped by the Pop Up Library at Friday Night Fair to hear stories and participate in hands-on activities such as using the button maker. A concerted effort was made to bring the library programs and

the summer reading program to community members outside the walls of the Library. Staff brought games and stories to the YMCA day camp, Boys & Girls Club, Summer Extravaganza, Tzu Chi school, and local preschools.

Another exciting summer program included the *Library Carnival* program geared toward elementary age kids. Participants played carnival style games such as ring toss and knocking down cans, while learning about the love of reading and how to use the library. The Teen Advisory Board implemented the *Lego My Library* program every Tuesday afternoon for children of all ages to flex their engineering muscle and build with Lego bricks provided by the Library. Children created and discovered at the *STEAM* workshops every Friday. Workshops focused on such topics as Weather, Stars & Space, Race Cars, and Building.

Toddlers attended programs designed especially for them. Every Thursday, little athletes were engaged in balloon volleyball, ring toss, balance beam and the pool tube javelin throw. They also completed Olympic themed art projects. On Wednesday, July 13, children dropped off their teddy bear or favorite stuffed friend to attend a toys-only library sleepover. TAB volunteers helped staff members arranged the stuffed animals around the room and took pictures to show their human friends what they did throughout the night. The pictures were turned into a movie shown at the Teddy Bear Storytime the following Saturday. Bears and their friends were pictured watching movies, eating pizza, practicing Olympic-like events, and curled up in their sleeping bags.

All ages were invited to the *Laser Light Show* on Monday, July 11. Prismatic Magic put on a laser animation show set to popular music in the Kay Dalton room at the Community Center. At one point in the show, volunteers were called up to the stage to play laser Pacman with their eyes closed and the crowd directed them to safety by yelling directions of 'left' and 'right'.

TEEN SERVICES REPORT

About 60 teens have volunteered throughout the summer to put on the Summer Reading Program. They have put together prize packets, cut out paper medals, ran the Lego Club, taught patrons how to sign onto the summer reading website, and given away prizes to readers all summer.

TAB had developed many programs for their peers at the library in July. Teens enjoyed coffee and hot chocolate at the *Teen Café*, while playing board games and listening to coffeehouse alternative music. TAB voted to watch Jurassic World for Movie Mania, which included dino chicken nuggets for a snack. A *Reader's Theater* workshop was held every Tuesday for teens to create mini-sketches for a public performance on Saturday, July 30. The summer culminated with *Zombie Laser Tag*. On a Friday night, teens dressed as zombies or survivors and raced through the bookstacks to become the winner.