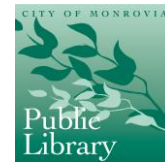




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Public Services, Library Division

MEETING DATE: August 25, 2016

PREPARED BY: Rebecca Elder,
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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

Librarian Mabel Cross and Supervisor Rebecca Elder met with Congresswoman Judy Chu on August 1 to discuss the library's new Veterans Resource Center. Congresswoman Chu expressed her support and appreciation for the library offering veterans' services in the San Gabriel Valley.

Victor Castellanos, Literacy Coordinator and Rebecca Elder, Supervisor met with Scott Haskins, Director of the Monrovia Immigration Resource Center to discuss a partnership for citizenship coach training for literacy tutors on August 2. The literacy program currently has two adult learners studying for their U.S. Citizenship test.

On August 13, Victor Castellanos observed a Reading Horizon's Elevate software program at the Burbank Public Library. Reading Horizons is a phonics based program created specifically for adult learners. It is one of the few programs available for adults with learning disabilities such as dyslexia and is currently being offered in the Literacy Program.

Librarian Norma Durian met with residents of the Heritage Park Senior Homes on August 15 to discuss the library's programs and services for adults. Norma introduced the residents to upcoming fall programs along with remote access to e-books, and other online resources and how to manage their accounts with the library's new catalog system.

Carol Kampe, Volunteer Coordinator hosted an ice cream social for over 45 volunteers on Saturday, August 20 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the Library Community Room. The event, *Summer Ice Cream Social for Superheroes* featured ice cream, frozen yogurt, toppings, and prize drawings in celebration of our superhero volunteers at the library.

On August 29, Mabel Cross and Rebecca Elder will attend a *Veterans Connect @ the library* training held at Whittier Public Library. The training focuses is on the recruitment, training and retention of volunteers for the Veterans Resource Center.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

The Summer Reading Program culminated on Saturday, July 30 with a *Reader's Theatre performance* by the Off the Page Players. This group consisted of six teens who were dedicated to practicing six times

over the course of the summer. Using sound effects, shadow puppets, costumes, masks and props, the group performed four stories: *The Dish Ran Away with the Spoon*, *Too Much Noise: A Yiddish Folktale*, *Uwungalema: An African Tale*, and *the Stonecutter: A Folktale from Japan*.

A total of 1,483 babies, children, teens and adults registered for the Summer Reading Program. The participants were tasked with the goal of reading for seven days. Participants were able to set personal goals for their reading every day and choose what they wanted to read. A display was created in the lobby to visually depict total numbers of participants who reached each their goal.

As school gets underway, students can access Brainfuse through the Library website. The free online service provides homework help for students with live tutors every day from 1:00 – 10:00 p.m., with all ages welcome. The program provides support in a variety of subjects including Math, English, Science, Social Studies, and test prep. There is also a writing lab, where students can submit their essays for constructive feedback from teachers around the country. Other features include a language lab, lesson plans, and a flashcard builder. Students can access this resource using a Monrovia Library card.

TEEN SERVICES REPORT

The 63 Summer Teen Volunteers worked 1,436 hours to help put on the Summer Reading Program. Volunteers were rewarded with a pizza party on Thursday, August 4. The teens chose to watch Ghostbusters while eating pizza and cookies. Every participant received food coupons and a certificate with the hours they volunteered..

The last teen program for the summer was *Zombie Laser Tag*. Equipment was rented from a company called Laser Tag Source. Forty-seven teens showed up for the event. Twenty teens could participate at a time. When a teen lost 3 lives, they were out and handed their gun to the next person in line, rotating in another player. The teens came dressed up as zombies or survivors, and used face paint to look gruesome for the part. Participants also enjoyed refreshments while they waited their turn to play.