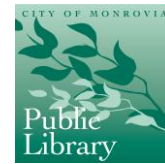




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Public Services, Library Division

MEETING DATE: September 22, 2016

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

On September 10, Librarian Mabel Cross recruited volunteers for the Veterans Resource Center. Volunteer positions consist of Veterans Benefit Coach, Community Outreach Specialist, and Oral History Interviewer.

Victor Castellanos, Literacy Coordinator attended the Southern California Library Literacy Network meeting on September 20 at West Covina Library. The Network provided a forum to share resources and ideas and address current literacy topics.

On Thursday, September 22, Certified Holistic Health Coach, Andrea Arellano will host *No More Sugar Blues* in the Library Community Room. Information on the good, the bad, and the ugly of sugar consumption and alternative sweeteners will be provided to participants.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

Youth staff helped to kick off the new Friday Night Family Street Fair by participating at the Children's Stage on the first Monday of the month. A Librarian told *Sampson the Bear* stories and led families in songs and fingersplays. This outreach opportunity allows library staff to reach patrons after the library closes, and engage working families who cannot normally attend scheduled storytimes.

Regularly schedule storytimes reprised the week of September 6 to large crowds. Parents and caregivers are invited to read, Sing, Play, Write, and Talk with their children at Baby Storytime on Tuesdays at 10:15 A.M. Little Listener Storytime on Mondays and Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M. and Play with Me Storytime on Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M.

Elementary age children and families participated in *STEAM* programs this month, including *Lego My Library* and *Paper Circuitry*. Every Saturday in September, families could play in the Storytime Room with LEGOs. The Teen Advisory Board managed this program by setting up the room and creating building challenges for the participants. The *Paper Circuitry program* offered children the opportunity to build their own circuit using copper wire, LED lights and batteries. After a presentation on electricity, the children created their own paper cards and cities, adding lights that actually turned on.

Every other Friday, families can stop by the Library and pick up a *Friday Mystery Bag* to take home and explore over the weekend. The book includes materials for the experiment or art project, along with instructions with a space for observations/notes and a list of books to read to learn more, family friendly science/art museums, hikes and other activities that encourage families to explore science together. The first project was to create a *Nature Suncatcher*. All 20 bags were picked up on the first day of this pilot project.