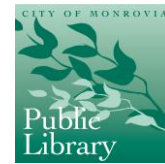




**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Public Services

MEETING DATE: October 27, 2016

PREPARED BY: Rebecca Elder,
Library Adult and Literacy Services Supervisor
Elizabeth Schneider,
Library Youth Services Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

On October 3, Librarian Lawrence Mak hosted board gaming as a part of the *Adulting 101* series for Millennials 21+. Gaming will be a monthly program which features a specific board game each month and includes a variety of games for participants. Snacks and coffee are provided. Eleven participants joined the first group and they indicated they are looking forward to next month.

Brews and Books held at Station Square on October 6 had over 52 participants. Beer was provided by the Pacific Plate Brewing Company and a variety of brewing books were available for checkout. Librarian Lawrence Mak hosted the event which was attended by many new faces, some of whom were issued library cards by Circulation Clerk, Dan Gavin. Library volunteers were on hand to assist participants with wrist bands and raffles. A great time was had by all and one of the lucky participants won a brewing book kit.

On October 11 Librarian Lawrence Mak hosted *Friend Speed Dating* for Millennials 21+ as part of the *Adulting 101* series. Seven participants shared in icebreakers, mints, and had fun meeting new friends at the library. Two of the participants were new to Monrovia and were happy to see the library host the event.

Victor Castellanos, Literacy Coordinator held a series of training sessions with 30 tutors during the month of October. The training sessions were held in the Literacy Center where Victor demonstrated the new America Learns Network program and provided hands on training on iPad apps to assist tutors with their learners' literacy needs.

On Friday, October 14, Mabel Cross and Rebecca Elder were given a tour of the Bob Hope Patriotic Hall by Brigadier General Ruth Wong. General Wong is the Director of Military and Veterans Affairs in Los Angeles County. General Wong volunteered to promote the Library's new Veterans Resource Center opening in November. Volunteers in the Veterans Resource Center will refer veterans and their family members to the local office in West Covina to receive benefits they earned from serving in the military.

On Wednesday, October 19, AAR Certified Reflexologist hosted a reflexology program in the Library Community Room. Participants learned about the practice of reflexology as a modern holistic modality to manage stress, reduce pain and improve sleep.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

Children in grades 2nd through 5th were invited to participate in *Vote for Books* program. This was a six week program encouraging children to vote for their favorite book. During the program, participants learned about states, presidents, how to use the library and held their own election. The concepts were introduced through games and art projects. Children who attended four out of the six classes received a free book at the end of the program.

The library celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a display and an exciting celebration on Saturday, October 8. Youth librarians created a display in the hallway of the Youth Services area of young Latinos working in various industries such as science, film, visual arts, literature and activism. Book displays of Hispanic American authors, illustrators and characters were available around the room. The event celebrated the rich diversity of the Latino American experience. Families had the opportunity to create vibrant Oaxacan inspired stick animals, design intricate Molasses from Panama, and craft Chilean rain sticks. Aguas frescas and pan dulce were served.

Lovers of Rick Riordan's book series on Gods and Heroes were invited to celebrate the greatness of the Greek characters at the *Heroes and Olympians* Book Party on Thursday, October 13. Participants were quizzed on Greek god mythology, pinned the tail on Cerberus, and went searching for Gryphon Eggs throughout the library to find chocolate golden drachma coins. The winner of the egg scavenger hunt received a Rick Riordan book of their choice. Other titles were raffled off. Participants were encouraged to come dressed as their favorite god, goddess, titan or monster.

Staff has developed a new series called *Imagination Station*, which started Thursday, October 20. The program is geared for ages 4 years to 2nd grade. For five weeks, children are encouraged to use their imagination, pretend and explore, using the props provided. Each week has a different theme – pretend to be a jungle animal, explore the world of a chef, put on a puppet show, or take off from the airport to fly to another part of the world. Using toys, props and creative arts and crafts supplies during each session, participants can be transported to another world through imaginative play. This program focuses on increasing social skills, expanding language and encouraging critical thinking skills through make-believe play.

TEEN SERVICES REPORT

To get in the spooky mood of Halloween, TAB developed a two-part, double feature Teen Horror Movie Marathon. Teens voted two movies to be shown at each movie night – Friday, October 7 and 21, from 5-9 PM. The first night was chosen to be campy to allow a night for teens who only wanted a little bit of fright. The two movies were *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Arachnophobia*. Thrills and chills were selected for the other much creepier movie night – *Room 1408* and *The Others*. Teens enjoyed popcorn, cookies and spooky punch.