

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD
HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023**

CONVENE: President Harvis convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Monrovia Community Center, Monroe Room, 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance: Community Services Director, Tina Cherry, Library Manager, Carey Vance, Adult Services Supervisor, Kurt Gally, Youth Services Supervisor, Ginger Antunez, Veterans Coordinator Mabel Cross and Administrative Assistant Giana Marini.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boardmember Carlson led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL: In attendance: Boardmember Carlson, Vice President Ramos, and President Harvis. Boardmember Allen and Woodford Excused.

PRESENTATIONS:

PR-1 Introduction of New Adult Services Library Supervisor, Kurt Gally
Staff Reference: Library Manager, Carey Vance

CONSENT CALENDAR: was moved by Boardmember Carlson and seconded by Vice President Ramos. There were no objections and the motion was unanimously approved.

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the July 27, 2023 Regular Meeting

CC-2 Adult and Youth Services Program Report for August 2023

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB): Audrey Camins, a 7th grader at Flintridge Preparatory School and Harmony Gutierrez McCaskey, an 11th grader at Monrovia High School provided updates on current and upcoming TAB events.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

AR-1 Veterans Resource Center Update – Mabel Cross, Veterans Coordinator provided updates for the Veterans Resource Center. Staff had a total of 1,078 interactions with Veterans and their families seeking help to connect with their benefits. There has been 308 sessions of VetNow, which is an online resource that offers live interview coaching and resume help. The library partnered with the American Legion Women’s Auxiliary to donate socks to hospitalized Veterans and hosted a poppy drive for disabled Veterans. The Veterans Resource Center rebranded its logo and materials. The staff attended outreach events including the Veterans and Family event at Pasadena City College and the City of Monrovia’s Veterans Day event in Library Park, Community Picnic for Veterans and Military Service Members, Thankful and Grateful event in Library Park and the Veterans Thank You Dinner. The library also hosted a display in the lobby for Purple Heart Recipients.

After discussion, it was moved by Vice President Ramos and seconded by Boardmember Carlson to: receive and file AR-1 Veterans Resource Center Update.

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REPORTS FROM STAFF:

RFS-1 Carey Vance, Library Manager

- A new online Literacy Resource called Padlet is being offered by the library, which provides content that is user-friendly for Literacy Learners.
- There were 2,059 total Summer Reading participants, including 1,152 children, 123 teens and 784 adults. A total of 2,325 prize books were redeemed with 1,489 books redeemed in June and 836 books redeemed in July. There were 468 total passports completed. Those who completed both the passports and book prize redemptions were 216. The total number of participants who participated in the biweekly contests were 973 patrons. A total of 5,357 patrons attended 74 library programs during June and July. There were 4,876 children and families who attended 55 family programs, 124 teens attended 7 teen programs and 357 adults attended 12 adult programs. The library conducted 19 outreach visits reaching a total of 1,773 community members.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:

LR-1 President Harvis: The Monrovia Historical Museum hosted Dick Singer's new book, "People Like You and Me" book signing and book talk event.

LR-2 Vice President Ramos: No report.

LR-3 Boardmember Nathan Allen: No report. Excused.

LR-4 Boardmember Carlson: The Foundation will visit the short story machine to inquire about potential library use and is currently working on funding other library requests. An intern will be recruited who will focus on social media content and promote donation requests.

LR-5 Boardmember Woodford: No report. Excused.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.