

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD  
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

**CONVENE:** President Harvis convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Monrovia Community Center, Monroe Room, 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance: Library Manager, Carey Vance, Adult Services Supervisor, Kurt Gally, Youth Services Supervisor, Ginger Antunez, Management Analyst, Julie Gallardo, Administrative Assistant Giana Marini.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Boardmember Woodford led the Flag Salute.

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

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

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

**CC-1** Unadopted Minutes of the January 25, 2024 Regular Meeting

**CC-2** Adult and Youth Services Program Report for February 2024

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB):** Tkaya Samuels, a 12th grader at Monrovia High School provided updates on current and upcoming TAB events.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

**RFS-1 Carey Vance, Library Manager**

- The library now offers STEAM kits for elementary school aged children that include books and activities for checkout. There are currently six kits available for checkout and the Library will be receiving another six kits soon.
- The Library partnered with the Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association (MDBAA) to host several events for Black History Month, including weekly virtual storytimes and a Black History Month celebration on Saturday, February 17. The celebration hosted Storyteller Ina Bucker who discussed African history and stories as well as art activities based on Artist Alma Thomas. For Valentine's Day every student in the Monrovia Unified School District created artwork in honor of Black History Month that was hung in the Community Center. The Library partnered with the Monrovia Historical Society to host a talk with Dr. Susie Ling who discussed the experience of African Americans in World War II and Julius Parker's scrapbook

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memoir.

- On Saturday, March 23 the Library will host Bunny Photos and Story Time in Library Park from 10am to 1pm. On March 23 at 2:00 pm, there will be a Hindu celebration of the Holy Festival of Color. On March 30 at 10:00 am, there will be the Annual Spring Egg Hunt & Healthy Kids Day at Recreation Park that will include crafts and live music. On April 27 at 2:00 pm, there will be an Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration that will have student Hula Dancers discussing and demonstrating the history of Hula Dance.

#### **LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:**

- LR-1 President Harvis:** The Monrovia Historical Museum sent out a newsletter updating patrons about museum happenings. The museum is currently working on raising funds for the construction of the Old House Exhibit. The museum hosted a Native American program that featured local Native Americans. Volunteer, Tom Rizzica, has been helping relight the museum to make the exhibits brighter. There is an exhibit in the museum that honors Rizzica's father who was a World War II Veteran.
- LR-2 Vice President Ramos:** No report.
- LR-3 Boardmember Allen:** No report.
- LR-4 Boardmember Carlson:** The Monrovia Public Library Foundation is preparing for the Annual Teen Advisory Board (TAB) scholarship.
- LR-5 Boardmember Woodford:** The Daughters of the American Revolution Santa Anita Chapter has donated money to the Monrovia Historical Museum Historic Homes Exhibit.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.