

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

CONVENE: President Ramos convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, August 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: Vice President Allen led the Flag Salute.

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

PRESENTATIONS: None.

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

CC-2 was approved with a correction to a typo on the Adult Services Report.

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

CC-2 Adult and Youth Services Program Report for August 2024

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB): Youth Services Supervisor, Ginger Antunez provided updates on current and upcoming TAB events.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

AR-1 Veterans Resource Center Update – Kurt Gally, Adult Services Supervisor provided updates on the Veterans Resource Center. The Veterans Resource Center has been serving the community for eight years. The County of Los Angeles Military Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) Hayden Velasquez, Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) representative Brock Milhorn, and library staff, work to provide in-person and phone assistance, programs, including monthly meetups, annual veteran’s picnic, movie matinee and more to veterans and their families. During fiscal year 2023-2024, the Veterans Resource Center had a total of 1,620 veteran interactions including 347 CVSO appointments, 252 VPAN appointments, and 1,021 staff interactions. The Veterans Resource Center experienced a 50 percent increase in the number of veteran services interactions this fiscal year, with 1,620 compared to 1,078 in the previous fiscal year. There was a total of 470 attendees across 16 programs and 847 outreach connections across 10 outreach events.

CC-1

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

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

RFS-1 Carey Vance, Library Manager

- The Summer Reading Program attracted 2,246 attendees. A total of 1,176 children, 151 teens, and 919 adults participated. The number of prize books redeemed was 2,487. A total of 850 patrons completed their activity passports, and 285 patrons completed both the passports and prize book redemptions. Four bi-weekly contests had a total of 1,318 participants. The staff provided 105 programs for 4,985 attendees.
- While the Librarian overseeing Adult Literacy is on leave, Kurt Gally, the Adult Services Supervisor will be the point person for all Literacy Services inquiries. The most recent Library YES intern, Rebekah Anderson will be hired as a Library Aide. During the internal recruiting, two Library Aides will be promoted to Library Clerks.
- The Boards and Commissions Dinner is scheduled on Monday, October 14.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:

LR-1 President Ramos: No report.

LR-2 Vice President Allen: No report.

LR-3 Boardmember Carlson: The Monrovia Public Library Foundation hosted its annual meeting and reelected its Boardmember officers. The Foundation is discussing ways to fundraise and support the Library Enhancement Project and will meet with City Manager, Dylan Feik to discuss ways to assist.

LR-4 Boardmember Harvis: The Monrovia Historical Museum's Historic Homes Exhibit is almost complete. The Police Department is updating their exhibit, and the Fire Department Exhibit is open.

LR-5 Boardmember Woodford: Excused.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.