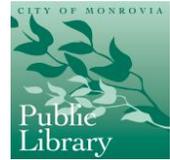




**CITY OF MONROVIA  
LIBRARY BOARD  
AGENDA REPORT**



**DEPARTMENT:** Public Services, Library Division

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**ADULT SERVICES REPORT**

*Game Night* was held on Wednesday, January 9, and 7 participants played a variety of different board games and a variety of Wii games. This fun-filled evening is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow gamers. Snacks and beverages were included. This program is a part of broadening patron experiences for emerging adults in their 20's and 30's.

On Saturday, January 12, staff hosted the movie, *The Greatest Showman* as part of *Silver Screen*, the Cinematic Heritage Series for adults. Thirty attendees stepped back in time for a bit of nostalgia. This program is a part of the library's strategic goal of broadening patron experiences and came about thanks to feedback from patrons.

Literacy Staff attended the Southern California Library Literacy Network workshop on Wednesday, January 15 in San Diego. The workshop included breakout sessions for tutoring strategies and small group discussion with Q&A. A goal of the library's strategic plan is providing staff development opportunities. Attendance at workshops expands staff skills and provides connections to literacy best practices.

On Wednesday, January 15, Veteran's Resource Center staff met with the Women's Auxiliary to present them with donations that were collected for veterans during the months of November and December. Donations included socks, games, markers and colored pencils, and other items for hospitalized veterans. Library staff collects these items annually to support local veterans and veteran's organizations.

On January 16, members of local senior residence, Regency Court participated in a healthy living activity. The staff hosted 6 attendees in Pilates. Supporting lifelong learning and *Active Mind, Active Life* programming for seniors is a goal of the library's strategic plan.

**YOUTH SERVICES REPORT**

On Wednesday, January 9, *the SciLab Exploration* program hosted 25 elementary aged youngsters. Participants learned about physics, specifically Newton's Laws of Motion and Elasticity, and built catapults out of popsicle sticks, water bottle caps, and rubber bands. Various challenges allowed participants to experience how their designs influenced velocity, acceleration, and trajectory. This goal of this *STEM program* was to support 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning skills of critical thinking and problem solving.

On Saturday, January 12 the library held a *Lego Club* program. Eight teen volunteers helped with the program. A total of 32 participants attended the event. There were children between the ages of 1 and 12 at the program, along with a number of parents and caregivers. Kids built various things, including a crocodile, robot owl crime-fighter, and lots of other creations. Building with Legos is a great opportunity for kids of all ages to practice 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills, such as engineering and collaboration.

On January 15-17, library staff visited Santa Fe Middle School to conduct booktalks. Over three days, library staff visited with every student in grades 6-8. Each class played a game and chose the books they wanted to hear about. By the end of the visit, every student at Santa Fe learned about ten titles selected for their age group. At least one student visited the library for the first time after hearing about a book she wanted to read, and obtained a library card. During the visits, students also learned about the library Teen Advisory Board, and received applications for TAB. These talks support the library's goal of supporting a literacy rich environment and lifelong learning.

On January 16 and 30, *SciLab Exploration Station* featured *LittleBits* circuit components, which snap together to make circuits. Children ages 3-12 received one-on-one instruction from library staff and teen volunteers on the basics of circuits, including power, input, and output. Participants then had a choice of making a battery-powered car or an invention of their choice. Teen volunteers enjoyed teaching younger children and working together on projects. Parents also noted that they enjoyed learning and using *LittleBits* with their children. The program focused on child-directed learning and technology literacy, and learning about real-life applications of electronics concepts, such as the use of inverters and sensors.

On Saturday, January 19, children and their families joined together at the Library for the *Bead Fusion* program to make original designs using *Pearler Beads*® that are heated and fused together. They were encouraged to add a magnet or suction cup to continue to display their work at home. This two hour walk-in program helped spur imaginations and inspired creativity, a key 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning skill. Total attendance was 57.

On Saturday, January 26, the library held a *Book Swap Tea Party* program for teens and their families. The program gave teens an opportunity to share books with other teens, and enjoy refreshments and craft activities. Teens enjoyed finding new books to take home, as well as learning how to recycle old books by creating paper flowers. The goal of the program was to provide teens with a safe space to spend time with friends while engaging in fun and literacy based activities. The teens attending the program expressed their gratitude to the library for providing activities for them.

On Monday, January 28, the film *One Hundred and One Dalmatians* (1996 edition) was shown for Monday Movie Night. Total attendance was 6. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Monrovia Public Library. Monday Movie Nights are a capital opportunity for families to connect with another and increase exposure to the library's collections and programs.