



**CITY OF MONROVIA
LIBRARY BOARD
AGENDA REPORT**



DEPARTMENT: Community Services, Library Division

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ADULT SERVICES REPORT

On Saturday, May 4, staff hosted *Lei Making* which featured three types of leis. Thirty-three participants made leis representative of traditional Hawaiian leis. This program is a part of broadening patron experiences, a goal of the Library's Strategic Plan.

Marvel Trivia was held on at the Copper Still Grill in Monrovia. Forty-three participants played on teams and enjoyed an exciting evening of trivia. The program aligns with several goals of the Library's Strategic Plan, including building community partnerships and providing expanded access to library services.

On May 23, Library Staff attended the annual *Serving with a Purpose Conference* held at the Ontario Convention Center. Over 240 library board members from Friends, Trustees and Foundations and the staff and directors that support them gathered for the all-day conference. The theme was *Back to Basics* and the keynote speaker was Consultant, Hardy Smith.

On May 25, Literacy Center Staff hosted a tutor meetup for current volunteer tutors and adult learners. The meetup was learner centered and 10 literacy program participants attended. Supporting lifelong learning is a goal of the Library's Strategic Plan.

On April 7 and 24, staff hosted a creative activity at local senior residences, Heritage Park and Regency Court. Staff demonstrated lei making to 22 attendees. Supporting lifelong learning and Active Mind, Active Life programming for seniors is a goal of the library's strategic plan.

Veterans Resource Center Staff collected over \$200.00 in donations for poppies during the month of May in honor of Memorial Day. The donation drive was in partnership with the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

Library Staff visited each of the five Monrovia Unified School District elementary schools to promote the *2019 Summer Reading Program*. During five days at 15 assemblies over 2,500 children experienced an interactive game and learned about the Library's upcoming activities and how to sign up for the reading program. This is a fun opportunity for staff to get children excited about reading and learning over the summer.

At the last *Great Stories* meeting on May 9, ten students discussed *Code Talker*. They enjoyed the fact that the book was based on true events and discussed cultural heritage and doing the right thing despite being wronged by others. The school counselor shared that the book club was a constant in their lives, and something they could do for themselves, since many of them live in unstable environments and have challenges and responsibilities youth should not face. She said, "The students looked forward to the meetings and the books they read helped them earn English credits. We hope to work with you again next school year!" The assistant principal added, "You have made a big impact on our students and overall school culture!" This program is a great example of a school partnership that has meaningfully impacted the community, pulling students into a community of literacy and, in accordance with our strategic plan of enhancing access to library resources.

On Friday, May 17, kindergarten classes from Bradoaks Elementary School visited the library. Over 80 people visited for a story time and a tour of the library. Staff read books about how a monkey deals with emotions and how an anthropomorphic potato chooses a pair of pants. They also sang songs with egg shakers. Stories help kids process abstract concepts such as emotion while egg shaker songs help kids identify syllables in words, providing valuable and fun literacy support. This program aligns with our strategic goal of providing educational programming.

On Monday, May 20, the Library once again partnered with the Pasadena Humane Society in *Barks and Books*, a monthly in-house library program which allows children in K - 5th grade to read to a dog. This month the organization brought two huskies, enabling staff to open registration up to more children. Eight students came with their favorite book and read to an animal which helps boost confidence, makes reading fun, encourages the respectful treatment of animals, and builds a child's confidence in reading aloud.

Our free tutoring program ended for the school year in the month of May. This partnership with the Monrovia Unified School District and Pro-Active Tutoring aided students in subjects like English, Math, Spanish and Mandarin. To thank the tutors the Library hosted a pizza party. Duke Freyermuth, the coordinator of Pro-Active Tutoring, was recognized for his efforts throughout the school year. During the month of May, the program provided 120 tutors and served 94 students. This tutoring program will resume in October 2019, and supports the library goal of supporting lifelong learning.