



MEMORANDUM

Library Services Department

DATE: May 20, 2019
TO: Library Board of Trustees
FROM: Tracy Gray, Library Services Director
SUBJECT: **Library Report**

7.2 Library Materials Selection Policy

See separate documents related to Materials Selection policy

8.1 Library Bulletin Boards and Community Information Areas policy

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8.2 Library Performance Measures

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8.3 Library Board FY 2019/20 draft Workplan

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8.4 Library Board FY 2019/20 draft Schedule

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9.1 Library Director's Report

We had another successful run of our free tax preparation help at the Library, *Earn It, Keep It, Save It*. For the last 11 weeks, tireless VITA volunteers helped over 250 taxpayers with their tax-related questions and/or prepare their federal and state returns. Thank

you to all City and Library staff, United Way Bay Area (UWBA), volunteer site coordinators, and the dedicated IRS-certified tax volunteers for their support and commitment to this popular Library program.



Magical Nathaniel gave a hands-on workshop on how to perform magic. He performed and taught tricks using everyday objects.



Downtown Spring Family Parade

The Bookmobile joined the parade and Librarians had a table with crafts and information at the after-parade festivities!



Starting Monday April 29th Librarian Renee Ting will be presenting four weeks of **English/Mandarin Storytime Mondays**, April 29 to May 20 from 10:30-11:00am for Children ages 2 - 5.



The Fratello Marionettes presented a magical tale from “The 1,001 Arabian Nights” with traditional music, intricate costumes, and dramatic staging. Over 200 people attended.



The Library hosted our annual *Plant Exchange* in honor of Earth Day. Members of the community brought their unwanted plants or extra cuttings to share them to others.



The Library also participated at the Earth Day celebration organized by the Sustainability Division of the City Manager's Office at the City's new Community Center. Librarians Amy Helmig and Irma Ramirez talked to over 300 community members about the Library's digital materials, the Seed Library, and the upcoming Summer Reading Program in May.



The Friends of the Mountain View Library held a weekend book sale in May.

The Library offered several digital and technology classes such as:

How to develop a LinkedIn Profile Review

Hands-On Privacy Workshop!

Identity Theft 101

Mountain View Historical Association gave a presentation on Eichler homes

Guest speaker Monique Lombardelli discussed the iconic post-War houses that became so popular in the Bay Area.



A panel of experts discussed El Camino Real 2.0: Building a Shared Vision for the Future of our Historic Road

The Children's staff made a display of books about Ramadan to check out



Staff Art & Craft display

Our May display is up in the lobby and it showcases the artistic talents of our staff. We have paintings, cross stitch, and a really cool miniature library!



The Girls Who Code class graduated!



Last Thursday, May 2nd, Librarian Court Fields was at the Senior Center and presented an *eBooks and Streaming Media Workshop*. Court provided the attendees hands on help in downloading and setting up apps so they can make use of the thousands of eBooks, digital magazines, and streaming media available in the Library's digital collections from Overdrive, Hoopla, and Flipster.



Introduction to Keeping Backyard Chickens was held in May. Presenter, Isabelle Cnudde, the founder of Clorofil, a non-profit microsanctuary for farmed animal, gave an overview of what is involved in keeping chickens in your backyard, and she showed attendees the basic requirements like housing, food, and maintenance.



In Conversation with Jose Antonio Vargas event took place in May

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas, a prominent voice for immigrants' rights through his non-profit organization, Define American, and graduate of Mountain View High School, spoke on May 13th at the Center for Performing Arts.

Jose spoke with Dr. Michael Jones, Principal of Jose Antonio Vargas Elementary School, opening in Mountain View in August 2019. An audience Q & A followed.

He signed his book *Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen* and its Young Readers Edition for attendees. The Friends of the Mountain View Library sold his books.

