



**MEMORANDUM**

Library Services Department

**DATE:** October 18, 2021

**TO:** Board of Library Trustees

**FROM:** Tracy Gray, Library Services Director  
Laura Burch, Analyst

**SUBJECT:** **Library Services Director's Report**

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**STAFFING UPDATES**

The Library has welcomed three new pages to the Support Services team and Patricia Zeider accepted the position of full-time cataloger. The recruitment is progressing for the two Senior Librarian positions.

**UPDATED LIBRARY HOURS**

The Library adjusted hours for the fall and winter seasons starting on Monday, Oct. 11. The building is open to the public Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays 1-5 p.m. The COVID-19 Delta variant continues to present health and safety concerns and creates additional impacts on staffing. The adjusted hours are an effort to maintain sufficient levels of library service during operating hours. The Library will continue to make updates to services and hours as needed into the New Year.

**PLP REPLICATION GRANT**

The Library was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Pacific Library Partnership to purchase touch screen computers and kiosk stations to replace the current VDI catalog stations in the building.

**CLASS VISIT**

The children's librarians made a virtual visit to a third grade class at Monta Loma Elementary School as a follow-up to their letters to the Library as part of their local civics unit.



### EVICITION HELP CENTER

The Library is providing space for the City's Community Development Department to provide weekly, in-person assistance for community members to get information on rent relief, eviction support and legal resource. The Help Center is available on Thursday from 1-5 p.m. in the second floor program room.

### VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

#### *Past Programs*

In-person outdoor storytimes continue on Tuesdays in Pioneer Park outside the Library. Children's librarians Alex and Renee lead children and adults in songs, stories and dancing.



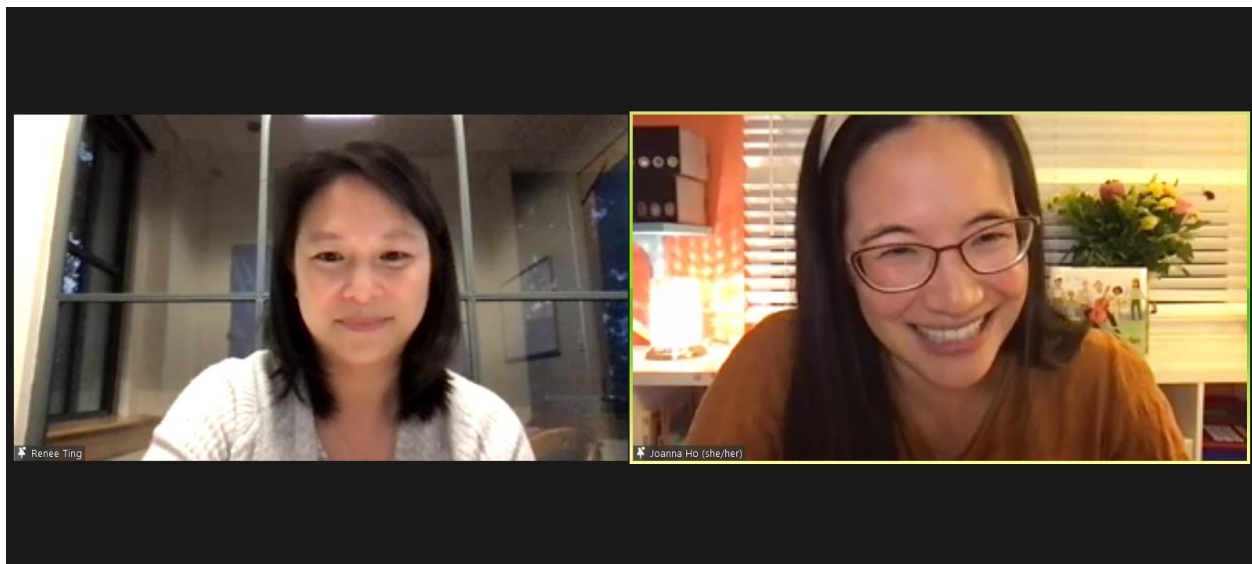
Seventy-four people logged on for a virtual Sci-Fi Trivia Night on September 22. Questions covered thematic topics such as science fiction, fantasy and the real-life science that inspires the fiction.

Scott Brusatte, a paleontologist who hunts and writes about dinosaurs, presented a lecture about the rise and fall of the dinosaurs.

The Adult and Digital Services division hosted a book club discussion on *The Space Between Worlds* by Micaiah Johnson on September 27.

Networking guru Jerome Dees presented a workshop on the entrepreneur mindset. Jerome provided information on the secrets of successful entrepreneurs, small business owners and community leaders.

The Youth and Outreach Services division hosted a conversation with Joanna Ho on September 29. Joanna Ho is the bestselling author of *Eyes That Kiss in the Corners*. Her conversation with librarian Renee was targeted at caregivers and educators with information about kids, self-acceptance and anti-racism.



Author Marjorie Liu wrapped up this year's Sci-Fi September series of programs. Marjorie discussed her work, the best-selling graphic novel series, *Monstress*, for Image Comics.



### Upcoming Programs

- Tuesday, October 19 - [Zero-Waste Chef: Plant-Forward Recipes and Tips for a Sustainable Kitchen and Planet](#)
- Friday, October 22 - [Ask a Dietitian: Low-Sodium Diet for Hypertension Prevention](#)
- Monday, October 25 - [Making Movies: The Craft, The Secrets, The Fun!](#)
- Tuesday, October 26 - [Drought Update & Conservation Resources](#)
- Wednesday, October 27 - [NASA Talk: James Webb Space Telescope Launch](#)
- Monday, November 1 - [Day of the Dead/ Día de Los Muertos Balloon Skull Decoration](#)
- Tuesday, November 2 - [How to Land a Remote Job](#)
- Tuesday, November 16 - Sensory Storytime Workshop