

DATE: September 19, 2022

TO: Library Board of Trustees

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

SUBJECT: **Library Director's Report**

STAFF UPDATES

The Youth and Outreach Division will welcome Renee Kitson as their new Library Assistant III. Renee has already proved to be an asset to the team as an hourly Librarian.

CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

The Library celebrated the graduation of two more students from the Career Online High School program on Monday, August 22, Olga Melo and Marili Silva. Marili Silva completed the program with her high school diploma and a career certification in Child Care and Education and is a strong advocate for underserved and disabled students in the community. Olga received her diploma with a General Career Preparation certificate and serves her community through local organizations and working as a community leader. Library Director Tracy Gray spoke about the positive impact the Career Online High School has had on our community and presented the two graduates with graduation caps and gifts, courtesy of the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



ELEVATE MV

The Library is providing space and computers for City staff to host public help sessions for ElevateMV, a guaranteed basic income pilot program. The help sessions are scheduled to take place in the first-floor program room from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.:

- Friday, September 16
- Saturday, September 17
- Friday, September 23
- Saturday, September 24

STAFF APPRECIATION

The Library received a lovely note from some individuals who have been utilizing the study rooms for a quiet place to work.

Dear Mountain View Public Library,

Thanks for giving people such a wonderful place to study. And thanks to all staff who provided nice and patient services.

Hope everything goes well with you!

Best regards,

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FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW LIBRARY UPDATE

The Friends of the Mountain View Library held their first full book sale of the new fiscal year on Saturday, August 13. They added eight new members to their organization and raised \$4,552 that will go toward supporting Library programs, services, and collections. The Friends of the Mountain View Library have also launched a redesigned website at mvlibraryfriends.org. The website provides information about the group and ways that the community can get involved to help support the Library.

OLD CARDS

Staff stumbled upon some old library cards that feature previous versions of the City logo with different colors. They even found an old VIP gold card.



PROGRAMS

Past Program Highlights

The Library hosted "What is Magic?" with Brian Scott on August 3. This was not just a magic show. A group of 191 attendees learned several behind-the-scenes magic skills and received sample take-home props that they can use to perform their own magic tricks.



Astronaut Boot Camp provided an opportunity for early elementary students to use math, science, physics, and astronomy in key physical and mental challenges to prepare them to be astronauts. Thirty-five (35) explorers joined in on the fun.



The Library hosted wildlife photographer Joan Sparks for a presentation on the Principles of Photography. Joan taught a group of 24 attendees about composition, light, color, and other techniques to help them capture the best images possible. This program was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



August 12 is set aside as International Youth Day by the United Nations to recognize the accomplishments of youth around the world and empower them to make positive contributions to society. The Library hosted a drop-in craft program where 32 children created bracelets with colored beads corresponding to their country of origin and used lettered beads to write an inspiring word or phrase.



The monthly Drop-in Bike Clinic, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library, continues to be a popular regular program at the Library. Bike mechanic Ryan Murphy is back after a pandemic break to help people perform maintenance on their two wheeled rides using the Library's Dero Fix-it station. Seventeen (17) people received help at the session in August.



Other Past Programs

- Author Talk with Historian and Pulitzer Prize Winner, Dr. Marcia Chatelain, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 9
- “Moonday,” Monday: Make a Moon Phase Calculator—Attendance: 35
- Long Bright River: Author Talk with Liz Moore, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Live attendance: 8
- Special Outdoor Storytime—Attendance: 180
- Hack the Hiring Process with LinkedIn—Attendance: 25
- The Healing Power of Meditation—Attendance: 22
- The Beauty in Breaking: Author Talk with Michele Harper, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Live attendance: 17
- Purifying Wastewater to Combat the Drought—Attendance: 21
- Impact Players: How to Take the Lead, Play Bigger, and Multiply Your Impact—Author Talk with Liz Wiseman, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Live attendance: 9
- Ask a Dietician: What You Need to Know About Carbohydrates—Attendance: 54
- Sing and Play Ukulele Jam—Attendance: 13

Upcoming Programs

- Tuesday, September 20—[Outdoor Fall Storytime](#)
- Tuesday, September 20—[Author Talk with Simone Winchester, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library](#)
- Thursday, September 22—[Art Explorers](#)
- Thursday, September 22—[Sci-Fi September: Author Talk with Annalee Newitz](#)
- Friday, September 23—[Baby Storytime](#)

- Monday, September 26—[Sci-Fi September: The Science and Non-Science of *Star Wars*](#)
- Monday, September 26—[Architecture 101 for Families: Monuments, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library](#)
- Tuesday, September 27—[Outdoor Fall Storytime](#)
- Tuesday, September 27—[Trust: Author Talk with Hernan Diaz, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library](#)
- Tuesday, October 4—[Outdoor Fall Storytime](#)
- Thursday, October 6—[Art Explorers](#)
- Saturday, October 8—[Opera San Jose Performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library](#)
- Tuesday, October 11—[Outdoor Fall Storytime](#)
- Tuesday, October 11—[Bay Area Hummingbirds, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library](#)
- Wednesday, October 12—[Bilingual Storytime: Mandarin/English](#)
- Thursday, October 13—[Not Nice: Stop Pleasing People, Staying Silent, and Feeling Guilty— Author Talk with Dr. Aziz Gazipura, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library](#)
- Saturday, October 15—[Drop-in Bike Clinic, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library](#)
- Monday, October 17—[Introduction to Medicare Basics](#)

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