

DATE: December 12, 2022

TO: Board of Library Trustees

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

SUBJECT: **Library Director's Report**

STAFFING UPDATES

A new Assistant Library Director position was created this fiscal year, and Melvyn Yabut was chosen to fill the role starting November 14. Melvyn has been with the City for more than 10 years, starting as the Technology Librarian and has served as the Manager of Adult and Digital for the last seven years. Currently, recruiting for two Senior Librarians. The next recruitment will be for the Library Manager and four Librarian positions.

FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET

The budget planning process is under way for the upcoming fiscal year. The Library is working on requests that will help enhance services over the coming years. Items include permanent funding for more eBooks and digital services; additional staffing; technology equipment upgrades of the check-out system and return system; diversity, equity, and inclusion assessment of the print collections; continued security guard coverage; building enhancements to the facility, including refresh/enhancement in the History Center; and adding seating/tables throughout the facility.

CCTV PROJECT

The closed-circuit TV system project in the Library will be completed in December 2022. The new cameras being installed at the Library will provide additional security for the building. The cameras will be placed at entrances, exits, emergency exits, surface parking lot, garage parking, Bookmobile garage, entryway vestibule, and second-floor main area (not able to view computer monitors). No cameras will be placed in staff work areas, and no cameras in public areas will be facing or have coverage of service desks. The Police Department will have access to the cameras. The Library Director and Assistant Library Director will have access to the cameras. There will be a City policy related to the cameras, and signage will be posted.

NEW SKILL-BUILDING RESOURCE

The Mountain View Public Library has added a new online resource for [Career and Skill Building](#) through the California State Library. [LearningExpress](#) offers tools and resources to help people search for jobs, develop new skills, and prepare for career certification exams. Also, included are test preparation materials for college and graduate school admission exams and the GED.

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

The Library received some positive feedback from a customer who conversed with staff about borrowing a book via our Link+ system:

"You have confirmed my belief that librarians should be in charge of the world: generous, friendly, committed to the exploration of ideas. Many thanks!"

LANDELS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VISIT

The Library has been welcoming back school classes for field trips to learn about the Library services. In October, second-grade students from Landels Elementary School visited the Library and sent some wonderful drawings to show their appreciation.



PROGRAMS

Past Program Highlights

On Friday, October 14, a group of tweens utilized their artistic skills to help create a chalk art piece in the Mountain View Public Library's courtyard area in Pioneer Park. The colorful piece celebrated the end of Hispanic Heritage Month.



The Library hosted Jackson Galaxy "The Cat Daddy" for a virtual Q&A session. The program had 113 people log in to ask questions and learn more about cats. Adult Services Librarian Kyle Hval did a great job of hosting and fielding attendees' questions. Jackson Galaxy addressed topics, including when to trim cat nails, overstimulation, handling feral cats (TNR), and the origin of Jackson's moniker. The City's Communications Coordinator, Shonda Ransom, shared some photos of her cats attending the program with her. This program was sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



At the October 20 Art Explorers program, a group of 16 learned about the artist Frida Kahlo and created their own art using similar materials to what she used.



The Library hosted a Diwali celebration in Pioneer Park on Saturday, October 22. Dancers from PAMPA Dance Academy performed for the celebration of lights in front of an all-ages crowd of 157. This program was sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



On Saturday, October 22, artist Pauline Tsui presented a hands-on workshop for Chinese brush painting. A group of 18 learned easy steps to paint flowers and bamboo with ink and colors. This program was sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



The Library hosted a Halloween-themed 3D printing workshop on October 27. A group of 21 people learned how to use 3D design software to customize their own mini-jack-o'-lanterns. The designs will be printed on the Library's 3D printer and the attendees can pick up their creations.



The Mountain View Public Library staff got into the Halloween Spirit with creative costumes on Monday, October 31. Eighty-three (83) people attended a special English/Spanish Halloween storytime in Pioneer Park. The Library offered all-day trick-or-treating throughout the building, and over 150 kids made the rounds to show off their costumes and get some fun nonfood treats.



Other Past Programs

- Outdoor Fall Storytime—Attendance: 56
- Bilingual Storytime: Mandarin/English—Attendance: 33
- Raising Thrivers: Parenting Tips & Tools to Help Kids Thrive in an Uncertain World: Author Talk with Dr. Michele Borba, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 20
- Art Explorers—Attendance: 23
- Outdoor Fall Storytime—Attendance: 168

- Drop-In Bike Clinic, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 17
- Outdoor Fall Storytime—Attendance: 155
- Author Talk with Simon Winchester, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 21
- Art Explorers—Attendance: 15
- Baby Storytime—Attendance: 47
- Architecture 101 for Families: Monuments, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 8
- Outdoor Fall Storytime: 217
- Trust: Author Talk with Hernan Diaz, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 6
- Outdoor Fall Storytime—Attendance: 221
- Not Nice: Stop People-Pleasing, Staying Silent & Feeling Guilty—Author Talk with Dr. Aziz Gazipura, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 22
- Outdoor Fall Storytime—Attendance: 208
- Where the Children Take Us: Author Talk with Zain E. Asher, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 9
- The Entrepreneurial Mindset, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library
- Switch It Up Saturday—Attendance: 7
- Outdoor Fall Storytime—Attendance: 219
- The Diamond Eye: Author Talk with Kate Quinn, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 13
- A Brief History of Indian Civilization, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 34
- Spookulele! Halloween Ukulele Jam, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 21

- Spooky Story Workshop—Attendance: 8
- Baby Storytime—Attendance: 47
- Outdoor Fall Storytime—Attendance: 138
- The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR: Author Talk with Lisa Napoli, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 13
- Art Explorers—Attendance: 16
- Deer Hollow Storytime—Attendance: 44
- Family Storytime—Attendance: 95
- Planning Your Job Search—Attendance: 5
- Leonardo da Vinci's Unknown Masterpiece: The Room of Knots, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 9
- Bilingual Storytime: Mandarin/English—Attendance: 36
- Lessons in Chemistry: Author Talk with Bonnie Garmus, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 20
- Switch It Up Saturday—Attendance: 10
- Advanced Purified Water—Using Technology to Combat the Drought—Attendance:
- How to Have Difficult Conversations About Race: Practical Tools for Necessary Change in the Workplace and Beyond with Kwame Christian, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 9
- Outdoor Fall Storytime—Attendance: 215
- Meditation: An Approach to Handle Anxiety and Uncertainty—Attendance: 12
- Art Explorers—Attendance: 13
- Drop-in Bike Clinic, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 7
- United Against Hate Film Screening and Discussion: I Am Not Your Negro—Attendance: 6
- Drop-in: Embroidered Notebooks—Attendance: 8

Upcoming Programs

- Wednesday, December 14—[A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America: Author Talk with Nicole Eustace, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library](#)
- Saturday, December 17—[Drop-in Bike Clinic, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library](#)
- Wednesday, December 21—[Christmas Dance Party](#)
- Thursday, December 22—[Holiday Homes](#)
- Thursday, January 12, 2023—[The Gilded Ones Series: Author Talk with Namina Forna, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library](#)
- Thursday, January 12, 2023—[Science Explorers](#)
- Tuesday, January 17, 2023—[Decluttering to Start Your New Year: Author Talk with Dana K. White, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library](#)

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