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LIBRARY COMMISSION PROGRAMS

The Library Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council regarding library services provided by the Los Angeles County Library System. The Commission acts as a liaison between the City and public/private community groups supportive of library services. The programs approved by the City Council for 2023 include:



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| 1. Learning at the Library | 6. Spring/Summer Discover Program |
| 2. Manhattan Beach Poetry Event | 7. Photo Op Day |
| 3. Library Appreciation Events | 8. Entertainment Series |
| 4. Library Commission Book Giveaway | 9. Library Awareness Program |
| 5. StoryWalk | |

TARGET DUE DATE	QUARTER 2 2024
FUNDING SOURCE	GENERAL FUND, SPONSORSHIPS, SURPLUS LIBRARY FUNDS
PRIORITY LEVEL	B
DEPTS. INVOLVED	
COMMISSION(S)	LIBRARY

STATUS:



COMPLETED ACTION ITEMS:

- Learning at the Library** - Learning at the Library is a tri-annual event featuring authors and speakers. Belinda Tang, Peggy Curry, and Lara Love Hardin were featured in 2023.
- Manhattan Beach Poetry Event** - This intergenerational event on February 8, 2023 brought together Mira Costa students and the Older Adult Poetry Circle for poetry readings.
- Library Appreciation Events** - Library appreciation events are a grab-and-go lunch event and a brunch event provided annually to honor the 20 library staff members and thank them for their work. MBUSD librarians are recognized separately at their schools.

The 2023 lunch event was held May 9 and the brunch event took place November 14. Certificates of Appreciation were given to school librarians during school visits by the commission on May 15 and 22.

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4. **Library Commission Book Giveaway** - The Library Commission Book Giveaway is a program held in conjunction with Light Gate and other local events. Book donations are gathered in cooperation with the Friends of the Library and the community. Books are then organized and offered to guests free of charge.
5. **StoryWalk** - StoryWalk places pages of a book in weather-proof cases along a path in Polliwog Park to encourage children to read. A StoryWalk ribbon cutting was held August 11, 2023. The books are changed quarterly and selected in consultation with the Manhattan Beach Library.
6. **Photo Op Event** - Started in 2022, the Library Photo Op Day provides free professional photos of residents taken at the Light Gate Sculpture with the library as the backdrop. The purpose is to focus attention on the library and serve as a reminder of all the library offers. The second Annual Library Photo Op Day took place Saturday, June 3, 2023.
7. **Entertainment Series** - The purpose of the Library Entertainment Series is to highlight the library as a cultural center and fortify its presence within the community. Started in 2022, the series features live performances on an outdoor stage. '80s Tribute Band Identify Theft performed on April 29, 2023.
8. **Library Awareness Program** - Working with the Library marketing team, the City's PIO and other libraries, the Library Commission will develop a social media outreach campaign, an ambassador program to welcome guests during events, and a "Speakers Bureau" to promote the library's services. The sub-committee is working with the library to determine how they can best facilitate awareness. *This item is on hold per LA County Library's request.*

ACTIONS PENDING:

- The Library Commission recommends revising the 2024 Work Plan to include the following:
 - StoryWalk
 - Library Appreciation Events
 - One County, One Book Program
 - LA County Library Surplus Recommendations
 - Speaker Series
 - Music Series
 - One County, One Book Program Support
 - Historical Collection – Digitization and Contract Archivist
 - Cultural Library Feasibility Study, including exploration of Makerspace

NEXT CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

City Council will provide direction in February 2024.

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