



The exhibit features an array of artistic styles and media including paintings, drawings, ceramics, and mixed-media pieces. The reception included live music performances from student ensembles from Mission Viejo High School and Serrano Intermediate School.

The exhibit runs through March 22 at the Mission Viejo Library, 100 Civic Center.





ASL MASTERMINDS

On Saturday, February 10, children ages 7-13 and their families attended the second session of ASL MasterMinds. This fun and engaging class covers the basics of American Sign Language and is led by Teen Advisory Board Members Apoorvi and Harrison. Students reviewed and practiced material covered in the first class and learned new vocabulary and conversational phrases. They practiced with a few songs as well as a finger spelling quote activity and an ASL word search. The third and final class is on March 9. Register by emailing libraryprograms@cityofmissionviejo.org.





VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION WITH LOCAL ROMCOM AUTHOR PANEL

About 85 people enjoyed an early Valentine's Day while attending the Writers Present Romcom Author Panel on Saturday, February 10 in the City Hall Council Chamber. This second appearance by local romantic comedy authors Gigi Blume, Julie Christianson, Melanie Jacobson, Brittany Larsen, Savannah Scott, and Carina Taylor was entertaining and informative. The authors discussed their individual writing styles, favorite characters, and more. We look forward to making this an annual tradition!





PUPPY LOVE

Valentine's Day was joyfully celebrated at the Puppy Love event hosted by Mission Viejo Animal Services (MVAS) in the enchanting Secret Garden at City Hall. MVAS treated guests to a barbecue lunch, kissing booth and festive decor. However, the true celebration of love blossomed as guests enjoyed cuddles with seven endearing puppies. These pups, once abandoned along with their mother in a park, now thrive under the care of our incredible fosters who generously brought them to the event.





Animal Care Supervisor Brynn Lavison's furry companion Koa was our special guest at the kissing booth, spreading love with sweet kisses. The event was a smashing success, setting a heartwarming tone for our upcoming activities this year. Thanks to everyone who attended, fell in love with the puppies, and made it an unforgettable day.





RECREATION CREW IN-SERVICE TRAINING

On Saturday, February 10, the quarterly in-service training for recreation center staff took place at the Montanoso Recreation Center. The training included a review on customer service, staff policies, and membership procedures. There were also presentations and discussions on emergency action plans (EAP) and the Code Adam program. The Code Adam program provides training for staff on how to respond in the event of a missing child. The front desk staff also received a quick tour around the facility to review pool and court usage, while lifeguard staff practiced water rescue skills in the pool. The in-service training is vital to prepare staff for the upcoming spring season.





NEW YEAR AND PROJECTS

Public Services has many new projects underway in the new calendar year.

Project time frames:

- Sierra Recreation Center- new flooring and front desk makeover, locker room renovation and pool area refresh with new furniture, shade covers and deck surfacing improvements – completion March 2024
- Madrid Fore Park play area rehabilitation – completion spring 2024
- Crucero Park Play area rehabilitation – design efforts through spring
- Library roof repairs – completion spring 2024
- Norman P. Murray Community Center audio visual improvements – completion spring 2024
- Norman P. Murray Community Center addition of a family restroom – completion spring 2024
- Playground rubberized resurfacing replacement at Linda Vista and Pinecrest Parks – completion spring 2024
- City Hall energy efficient LED ceiling lighting retrofits – completion summer 2024
- World Cup Soccer security lighting replacement with energy-efficient LED lighting – completion summer 2024
- Jeronimo slope landscape rehabilitation final phase – completion spring 2024
- Marty Russo Youth Athletic Park – snack bar and restroom roof replacement – completion spring 2024
- Earth Day/Arbor Day preparations along Oso Creek Trail – April 20

