

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6-G
MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD REPORT

DATE: March 4, 2026
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Savannah Peña, Environmental Education Supervisor
REVIEWED BY: Eric Morgan, General Manager *E. Morgan*
SUBJECT: Approval to Extend Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Monterey County Free Libraries

SUMMARY

Staff respectfully requests the Boards consider accepting and executing the amendment (**ATTACHMENT 1**) with the Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL) to continue the Memorandum of Understanding with MPRPD, for facility use (**ATTACHMENT 2**).

FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

FUNDING SOURCE

Not applicable.

FUNDING BALANCE

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

In an effort to provide more accessible programming to District residents, staff wishes to extend the previous agreement with amendments (**ATTACHMENT 1**) with the Monterey County Free Libraries that allows MPRPD staff, volunteers, and presenters to utilize the Monterey County Free Libraries facilities for free programming to its community members. These amendments provide updated contact and signature information, clarity on a finite number of extension years, and further define roles and responsibilities of for MPRPD.

This agreement is a broad agreement that includes the use of other MCFL facilities (over 15 branches across the county) once a relationship is created with Managing Librarians. Since April 2023, *Let's Go Outdoors!* programs have served over 800 participants in three years at the Marina Branch. Programs included Tai Chi, yoga, movement for new moms, painting in nature, raptor, owl, reptile, and amphibian encounters in and around the Marina Branch facilities. Since September 2025, MPRPD staff have led monthly, interactive outreach booths geared towards children who simultaneously attend the "Crafternoons" at the Marina Library. The future one-year term will continue offerings at the Marina Branch and explore expansion into other in-District branches (Seaside, Carmel Valley, and Big Sur branches). One outreach booth was hosted by MPRPD on the Seaside Library's 50th Anniversary event in 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Board direct staff to approve the extension and amendments of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Monterey County Free Libraries, substantially in the format presented, to continue MPRPD's use of library facilities for free programming to the public.

ATTACHMENT

1. [MOU Amendment No. 1](#)
2. [MOU Monterey County Free Libraries \(MCFL\) and Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District \(MPRPD\) executed in April 2023](#)