

Minutes LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Minutes of the LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD virtual meeting recorded at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, held in a hybrid format in-person at Tempe Public Library, and via Microsoft Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Marie Brown
Marissa Dailey
Dr. Felicia Durden
Teri Metros
Chris Sar
Christopher M. Watts (Vice-Chair)

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Carrie Taylor (Chair)

City Staff Present:

Jessica Jupitus, Deputy Community Services Director - Library Services Division
Sunna Khokhar, Library Specialist II+ - Library Services Division
Gretchen Oates, Librarian II+ - Library Services Division

General Public Present:

No members of the general public were present

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order:

- Christopher M. Watts, Library Advisory Board Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Call to the Audience:

- No public comments from the audience to report.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the February 1, 2023, Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes:

APPROVED

- Christopher M. Watts, Library Advisory Board (Board) Vice-Chair, asked the Board members to review the unapproved meeting minutes document dated May 3, 2023.
 - Chris Sar pointed out spelling errors under Agenda Item four (4) and five (5)

MOTION: Chris Sar moved to approve the May 3, 2023, Library Advisory Board meeting minutes with corrections.

SECOND: Marie Brown seconded.

DECISION: Motion approved, 6-0.

Ayes: Marie Brown, Marissa Dailey, Dr. Felicia Durden, Terry Metros, Chris Sar, and Christopher M. Watts (Vice-Chair)

Nays: None

Absent: Carrie Taylor (Chair)

Abstained: None

Agenda Item 4 - Report: Friends of Tempe Public Library

- The Friends of the Tempe Public Library were not present at this Library Advisory Board Meeting

Agenda Item 5 – Library Collections Update: Gretchen Oates, Librarian II+

- Gretchen Oates, Librarian II+, was introduced as the new librarian in charge of the collections;
 - G. Oates plans to build up the Anime and Manga collection for Youth, Teen, and Adult Collections;
 - Library of Things launch is planned for September 1, 2023, in line with National Library Card Sign up month;
 - The Library will start with four (4) different types of “Adventure Backpacks” including hiking, birdwatching, rock hounding, and stargazing

Agenda Item 6 - Staff Report: Jessica Jupitus, Deputy Community Services Director

- Jessica Jupitus, Deputy Community Services Director - Library Services Division, gave the following report specific to Tempe Public Library operations:
 - **366** adults were engaged in **programming** during April 2023; programs included:
 - **Book Clubs**
 - Mystery Club
 - Great Books
 - Friends of Dorothy
 - Beyond Borders
 - Horror Book Club
 - Coffee, Tea, and Books
 - **Writing Programs**
 - Writers’ Connection
 - First Impressions (Writer in Residence)
 - Critique Group (Writer in Residence)

- Your Hero's Journey
- Poetry Workshop
- Desert Sleuths: Plottr for Pantsers and Plotters Alike
- **Technology Help**
 - iPad/iPhone: Level 1
 - iPad/iPhone: Level 2
- **English Corner**
- **Readers' Theater: Cavalcade of Comedy**
- **Roxane Doty Author Reading**
- **Equality AZ: Ask Smart People Smart Questions**
- **Women's Resilience and Survival in the Holocaust**
- **Edible Plants of the Sonoran Desert (with Sustainability)**
- **Arizona State University Saxophone Concert**
- **Behind the Curtain with Sonora Reyes and Emery Lee**
- **Page Possibilities: Greeting Cards**
- The Tempe Public Library has resumed hosting the Circle the City bus on Fridays, which offers medical services for unsheltered individuals.
 - The Library has launched their second (2nd) Tiny Art Show;
 - This event was wildly popular last year allowing patrons to take home three (3) inch by three (3) inch canvases and return them for display in the library during the month of July.
- The Library is hosting a Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament on Sunday, June 25, 2023 from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.
 - In 2022, the winning team of four (4) completed a 500 piece puzzle in 45 minutes
- J. Jupitus reported the following information specific to operations of Tempe Public Library's (Library) **Youth and Teen Services** areas:
 - 211 participants were engaged in **youth programming** during May 2023;
 - The Youth Library took their usual Children's Programming Break in May to allow for extensive outreach;

- J. Jupitus highlighted the following programs:
 - **Kids Café** (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 13 Sessions);
 - **Totally Tween Hangout** (Fridays, four (4) sessions)
 - **Get Inked** (Saturdays, two (2) sessions)
 - **Open Learning Lab** (Daily)
 - **87 Youth Activity Kits and 21 teen STEAM kits** were checked-out for in-library use;
- 84 participants were engaged in **Teen Programming** during April 2023; J. Jupitus highlighted the following programs:
 - **Game On** (Wednesdays, four (4) sessions);
 - **Life Skills Mondays** (Mondays, four (4) session);
 - **MusicHype** (Wednesdays, four (4) sessions);
 - **Create Thursday** (Thursdays, four (4) sessions);
 - Teen Volunteers provided 177 hours of service among 38 teens
- The Youth Library visited eight (8) schools to promote the Summer Reading Program, reaching 3,376 students and dropped off information to five (5) other schools serving about 1,500 students.
- The Youth Librarians completed a Storytime/book talk for Mary's Mission and Adaptive Recreation's Summer Camp for 90 children
- The Youth Library had a table at the Youth Job Fair in partnership with AZ @ Work to promote our resources to teen job seekers.
- June 6, 2023 was the first "Totally Tempe Tuesday" of the year with Wildman Phil's animal show.
 - Next Tuesday, June 13, 2023, there will be local mascots at the library for some fun and games.
- **Physical circulation of materials** increased in May 2023 (+6% from April 2023);
 - Physical circulation of materials in May 2023 totaled 43,979 uses;
 - Physical circulation of materials in May 2022 totaled 41,313 uses;
 - Physical circulation of materials in April 2023 totaled 39,534 uses;
 - Physical circulation of materials in March 2023 totaled 43,057 uses;
- **Virtual/eResource circulation** increased in May 2023 (+8% from April 2023);
 - eResource circulation in May 2023 totaled 35,413 uses;

- eResource circulation in May 2022 totaled 30,637 uses;
- eResource circulation in April 2023 totaled 32,861 uses;
- eResource circulation in March 2023 totaled 33,355 uses;

- May 2023 was the library's highest digital circulation month in history and anticipate even higher circulation this Summer;
 - Hoopla, Libby, and Freegal Music+ all contributed to the increase;
 - Freegal Music+ had an increase in uses, jumping from 2,596 uses in April to 3,786 uses in May

- Tempe Public Library staff added **1,425 new cardholders** and updated **744 library cards**

- **Public access computers** within the library's computer lab saw 3,668 uses in May 2023
 - The lab on the **main floor** saw 3,148 uses;
 - The lab in the **Teen Center** saw 62 uses;
 - The lab in **Youth Services** saw 308 uses;
 - Satellite locations including the Cahill Senior Center, Escalante Community Center, and the North Tempe Multi-Generational Center saw 146 uses.

- Tempe Public Library has an **average attendance** of 1,168 patrons per day, over 1,000 people more per day than April.

- The Tempe Public Library is planning a One City, One Book event in October with the book *Disability Visibility* including programming and discussions around topics of accessibility and ableism.
 - This is the first time Tempe has done something like this on our own, so we are excited to see how it goes and to turn it into an annual event.

- Tempe Public Library won the Phoenix Pride Community Spirit Ally Award for our programming for the LGBTQ+ community.
 - The award ceremony is on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the Tempe Center for the Arts, beginning at 3:30 P.M.

- The Tempe Public Library is currently beta testing the Library App and we hope to do a soft launch by the end of June 2023.

- A library patron recently came in with concerns about our pride displays. She came in and spoke to our Teen Librarian and had an objection about an adult book titled *Queen Ducks*. She also inquired about our item ordering process

- The Youth Library is having a friendly competition during the Summer Reading Program. Each member of the Youth Library has a secret code and whomever gives out their code the most wins, one of the secret codes is "Scientist"
- The Summer Reading art launch is tonight, June 3, 2023. The library has had a positive response from the public.
- Andrew Ching is leaving his position at the City of Tempe City Manager, Rosa Inchausti will be interim.

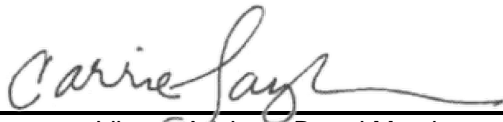
Agenda Item 6 - Member Announcements/Future Agenda Items

- On June 17, 2023, there will be a Juneteenth Celebration at the Tempe History Museum from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. There will be food trucks, gaming trucks, and the Mayor and Police Chief will be present.

Agenda Item 7 - Adjournments

- Christopher M. Watts, Library Advisory Board Co-Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Library Advisory Board is scheduled to occur at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2023;
 - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this public meeting will be held in a hybrid format in-person and virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Prepared by: Sunna Khokhar; Reviewed by: Jessica Jupitus



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Approval Signature: Library Advisory Board Member