



Minutes LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Minutes of the LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD hybrid meeting recorded at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, held in a hybrid format in-person at Tempe Public Library, and via Microsoft Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Carrie Taylor (Chair)
Dr. Felicia Durden
Chris Sar
Jesse Shank
Christopher M. Watts (Vice-Chair)

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Marie Brown
Teri Metros

City Staff Present:

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

General Public Present:

Larry Conway, President

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order:

- Carrie Taylor, Library Advisory Board (Board) Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Call to the Audience:

- No public comments from the audience to report.

**Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the September 6, 2023, Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes:
APPROVED**

- Carrie Taylor, Library Advisory Board (Board) Chair, asked the Board members to review the unapproved meeting minutes document dated September 6, 2023.

MOTION: Chris Sar moved to approve the September 6, 2023, Library Advisory Board meeting minutes.

SECOND: Christopher M. Watts seconded.

DECISION: Motion approved, 4-0.

Ayes: Carrie Taylor (Chair), Chris Sar, Jesse Shank, and Christopher M. Watts (Vice-Chair)
Nays: None
Absent: Marie Brown, Dr. Felicia Durden, Terry Metros
Abstained: None

Agenda Item 4 - Report: Friends of Tempe Public Library

- Larry Conway, Friends of the Tempe Public Library (Friends) President, announced that the Fall Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (O.L.L.I) classes began in the Connections Café.
 - There are a total of 666 students attending O.L.L.I classes all over the Tempe, Peoria, and Chandler
- The bookstore installed new bookshelves that were provided by the Mill Avenue Bookstore, which has allowed for more book space
- In June of 2022, the net revenue of the Friends of the Tempe Public Library was \$9,441.00, while in June of 2023, the net revenue was \$23,281.00
 - The Friends of the Tempe Public Library donated roughly \$32,000.00 to the Tempe Public Library

Agenda Item 5 - Staff Report: Jessica Jupitus, Deputy Community Services Director

- Colleen Fincke, Librarian II+, gave a presentation regarding the programs provided by Adult Services, programs included:
 - Adventure Pack Series
 - The Library is offering Rock Hounding, Star Gazing, Hiking, and Bird Watching packs.
 - There are four (4) backpacks for adults and one (1) for children
 - The Library's Resident Writer is Charlotte Whitney and will have multiple classes during her tenure including:
 - Make your Setting a Character
 - Not a University Professor? Learn to Research Your Next Book
 - Programs surrounding One Tempe One Book, including but not limited to
 - Disability Services for Veterans
 - Service Animals
 - Talking Book Library Presentation
 - Disability Visibility Book Discussions

- Jessica Jupitus, Deputy Community Services Director - Library Services Division, gave the following report specific to Tempe Public Library operations:
 - **431** adults were engaged in **programming** during September 2023; programs included:
 - **Book Clubs**
 - Mystery Club
 - Friends of Dorothy
 - Horror Book Club
 - Coffee, Tea, and Books
 - Reading Global
 - **Writing Programs**
 - Writers' Connection
 - Poetry Workshop
 - Writing with Duane Roan
 - Create an Author Newsletter and Build Your Email List
 - Editing Essentials
 - How to Build Your Story
 - **Technology Help**
 - DISC Drop-in Technology help
 - iPhone/iPad Level 2
 - **English Corner**
 - **Page Possibilities: Book Binding**
 - **Plant Swap**
 - **Reader's Theater**
 - **SRP and Water Conservation**
 - **Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Water Service**
 - **Civil Discourse and How to Get Involved in Elections**
 - **Why Pronouns Matter**

- **Mars Exploration**
- **Astrophysics From Scientific Balloons in Antarctica**
- **Adventure Pack Programs**
 - **Birdwatching**
 - **Stargazing**
 - **Rock Painting**
 - **Hiking**
- **Expanded Food Nutrition**
- **Voice Over: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know**
- We have launched our Adventure Packs;
 - Each Sunday in September, a new Adventure Pack was unveiled for the public to check out that is related to the program that is offered that day.
 - The Adventure Packs include books and items that can be used for rockhounding, stargazing, hiking, and birdwatching, respectively.
- J. Jupitus reported the following information specific to operations of Tempe Public Library's (Library) **Youth and Teen Services** areas:
 - 1,433 participants were engaged in **youth programming** during September 2023, J. Jupitus highlighted the following programs:
 - **Storytime:**
 - Baby Lapsit (Mondays, three (3) sessions)
 - Evening (Tuesdays, four (4) sessions)
 - Preschool (Wednesdays, four (4) sessions)
 - Toddler (Thursdays, four (4) sessions)
 - Baby Bonding (Mondays, two (2) sessions)
 - **Code Club** (Thursdays, four (4) sessions)
 - **LEGO Lab** (Fridays, five (5) sessions)
 - **Kids Café** (Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursdays, 11 sessions)
 - **Open Learning Lab** (daily)

- **Mad Scientists** (alternating Wednesdays, one (1) sessions)
- **Totally Tween Hangouts** (Fridays, five (5) sessions)
- **Get Inked** (alternating Saturdays, two (2) sessions)
- **Page Turners** (Wednesdays, three (3) sessions)
- Tabletop Kingdom Junior, (Wednesdays, four (4) sessions)
- **95 Youth Activity Kits and 37 teen STEAM kits** were checked-out for in-library use;
- 90 participants were engaged in **Teen Programming** during September 2023; J. Jupitus highlighted the following programs:
 - **Game On** (Alternating Wednesdays, two (2) sessions)
 - **Life Skills Mondays** (Mondays, three (3) sessions)
 - **Create Thursday** (Thursdays, four (4) sessions)
 - **Teen-Led Dungeons and Dragons** (Saturdays, five (5) sessions)
 - **Makers Lab** (Wednesdays, four (4) sessions)
 - **Tabletop Kingdom** (Sundays, four (4) sessions)
 - Teen Volunteers provided 104.75 hours of service among 16 teens
- The Youth Library's new programs include a pair of tabletop gaming programs, one for teens and one for school-aged youth
 - Playing board games and video games in Game On allow the kids to take risks in a safe environment, learn to problem solve, and develop collaborative skills.
- Math Mania is new STEAM program to encourage kids to play math games and enjoy numbers
- J. Jupitus was a special guest at Life Skills Monday since many of the teens are interested in working in libraries.
 - J. Jupitus was able to talk about her experience and answer any questions the teens had.
- **Physical circulation of materials** decreased in September 2023;
 - Physical circulation of materials in September 2023 totaled 46,999 uses;
 - Physical circulation of materials in August 2023 totaled 50,348 uses;
 - Physical circulation of materials in July 2023 totaled 51,963 uses;
- **Virtual/eResource circulation** decreased slightly in September 2023;

- eResource circulation in September 2023 totaled 37,388 uses;
- eResource circulation in August 2023 totaled 37,666 uses;;
- eResource circulation in July 2023 totaled 37,783 uses;
- Tempe Public Library staff added **1,339 new cardholders** and updated **756 library cards**
 - The Library has tried a variety of approaches to issue more library cards during the “September is National Library Card Month”, nothing seems to shift the trend for when patrons get new cards
 - The Library is visiting one neighborhood’s GAIN night this year
- **Public access computers** saw 3,784 sessions in August 2023
 - The lab on the **main floor** saw 3,294 uses;
 - The lab in the **Teen Center** saw 64 uses;
 - The lab in **Youth Services** saw 311 uses;
 - Satellite locations including the Cahill Senior Center, Escalante Community Center, and the North Tempe Multi-Generational Center saw 115 uses.
- Tempe Public Library has an **average attendance** of 1,206 patrons per day.
- The Tempe Public Library App Launch has a total of 1,411 downloads
- One Tempe One Book is here!
 - This year all of Tempe will be reading Disability Visibility by Alice Wong, we have roughly handed our nearly half of our 1,000 books already and keep filling up partner sites
 - Victoria Aguilar, Library Specialist, has attended two days of Arizona State University’s outreach at Mary Lou Fulton Teacher’s College and distributed 100 books.
 - The fidgets the library ordered to distribute are wildly popular
- The library is currently looking to fill three (3) youth librarian vacancies and are doing the best we can to cover existing programming
 - The Arizona Library Association (AzLA) Conference is in the valley this year towards the end of the month, so perhaps some on-site recruiting can be done
- Nora Spalding, Librarian II+, has already attended ten (10) events in her first month including the Little Cholla Market at Culdesac.
 - She took the Short Story Machine to one outreach event and handed out 24 stories

- Scottsdale Public Library has invited the Tempe Public library to present on EDI in libraries for their staff day, we will also have a staff member presenting at AzLA on authentic leadership
- Jessica Jupitus is now a permanent co-host of the City of Tempe's podcast "Tempe This Week"
- Jill Brenner was nominated for and won the Outstanding Adult Services Librarian Award

Agenda Item 6 - Member Announcements/Future Agenda Items

- At the next Library Advisory Board meeting, we will be discussing changes to the Interlibrary Loan Policy
- Maricopa County Library Directors have recently been aware of challenges with books and their reconsideration policy

Agenda Item 7 - Adjournments

- Carrie Taylor, Library Advisory Board Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Library Advisory Board is scheduled to occur at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 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