



Minutes LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Minutes of the LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD hybrid meeting recorded at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, held in a hybrid format in-person at Tempe Public Library, and via Microsoft Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Chris Sar (Chair)
Jessica Brown
Marie Brown (Vice-Chair)
Dr. Felicia Durden
Shari Laster
Jesse Shank

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Teri Metros

City Staff Present:

Sunna Khokhar, Library Specialist II+ - Library Services Division
Katie O'Connor, Library Manager – Library Services Division

General Public Present:

No members of the general public were present.

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order:

- Chris Sar, 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 March 6, 2024, Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes:
APPROVED

- Chris Sar, Library Advisory Board (Board) Chair, asked the Board members to review the unapproved meeting minutes document dated March 6, 2024.

MOTION: Shari Laster moved to approve the March 6, 2024, Library Advisory Board meeting minutes.

SECOND: Marie Brown (Vice-Chair) seconded.

DECISION: Motion approved, 3-0.

Ayes: Chris Sar (Chair), Marie Brown (Vice Chair), and Shari Laster

Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Felicia Durden and Teri Metros
Abstained: Jessica Brown and Jesse Shank

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 – Download the Tempe Public Library Application

- The Tempe Public Library Advisory Board paused for five (5) minutes for board members who did not have the application downloaded on their mobile device to download it.

Agenda Item 6 - Staff Report: Katie O'Connor, Library Manager

- Katie O'Connor, Library Manager - Library Services Division, gave the following report specific to Tempe Public Library operations:
 - **301** adults were engaged in **programming** during March 2024; programs included:
 - **Book Clubs**
 - Mystery Club
 - Friends of Dorothy
 - Horror Book Club
 - Reading Global
 - Great Books
 - Coffee, Tea, and Books
 - **Writing Programs**
 - Writers' Connection
 - Poetry Workshop
 - Weaving Cultural History
 - Ancestral Affirmations and On Self-Love and Celebration (Resident Writer)
 - Desert Sleuths – The Joy (and Art) of Writing and Selling Short Mysteries
 - **Technology Help**
 - DISC Drop-in Technology help
 - **English Corner**

- **Converting Turf to Xeriscope**
- **Dark Skies Over Arizona**
- **Page Possibilities: Book Binding**
- **Readers' Theatre**
- K. O'Connor reported the following information specific to operations of Tempe Public Library's (Library) **Youth and Teen Services** areas:
 - 1468 participants were engaged in **youth programming** during March 2024, K. O'Connor highlighted the following programs:
 - **Storytime:**
 - Baby (Mondays, Four (4) sessions)
 - Family (Tuesdays, Four (4) sessions)
 - Preschool (Wednesdays, Four (4) sessions)
 - Toddler (Thursdays, Four (4) sessions)
 - **Baby Bonding** (Mondays, Four (4) sessions)
 - **Code Club** (Thursdays, Three (3) sessions)
 - **LEGO Lab** (Fridays, Five (5) sessions)
 - **Page Turners** (Wednesdays, Three (3) sessions)
 - **Kids Café** (Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursdays, 11 sessions)
 - **Open Learning Lab** (daily)
 - **Totally Tween Hangouts** (Fridays, Five (5) sessions)
 - **Get Inked** (alternating Saturdays, two (2) sessions)
 - **Pokémon Training Academy**
 - 88 **Youth Activity Kits** and 60 teen **STEAM kits** were checked-out for in-library use;
 - 165 participants were engaged in **Teen Programming** during March 2024; K. O'Connor highlighted the following programs:
 - **Game On** (Wednesdays, four (4) sessions)
 - **Life Skills Mondays** (Mondays, four (4) sessions)

- **Create Thursday** (Thursdays, three (3) sessions)
- **Teen-Led Dungeons and Dragons** (Saturdays, five (5) sessions)
- **Makers Lab** (Wednesdays, three (3) sessions)
- **Tabletop Kingdom** (Sundays, four (4) sessions)
- Teen Volunteers provided 107 hours of service among 21 teens
- The Friends of the Tempe Public Library approved the funding for a lower-level mural and the library is working the process with Public Art's support.
- **Physical circulation of materials** increased in March 2024;
 - Physical circulation of materials in March 2024 totaled 45,090 uses
 - Physical circulation of materials in March 2023 totaled 43,057 uses
 - Physical circulation of materials in February 2024 totaled 40,964 uses
 - Physical circulation of materials in January 2024 totaled 41,569 uses;
- **Virtual/eResource circulation** increased in March 2024;
 - eResource circulation in February 2024 totaled 39,581 uses;
 - eResource circulation in March 2023 totaled 33,359 uses;
 - eResource circulation in February 2024 totaled 37,564 uses;
 - eResource circulation in January 2024 totaled 39,750 uses;
- Tempe Public Library staff added **1,398 new cardholders** and updated **767 library cards**
- **Public access computers** saw 4,228 sessions in March 2024;
 - The lab on the **main floor** saw 3,468 uses;
 - The lab in the **Teen Center** saw 81 uses;
 - The lab in **Youth Services** saw 291 uses;
 - Satellite locations including the Cahill Senior Center, Escalante Community Center, and the North Tempe Multi-Generational Center saw 208 uses.
- The Tempe Public Library App Launch has a total of 2,774 downloads
- The Library is looking forward to an upcoming program on April 10, 2024 with a local author and retired professor, Dr. Stanlie James

- Dr. James' book Practical Audacity: Black Women and International Human Rights, will be the starting point for a panel conversation with City of Tempe employees whose work contributes to human rights.
- The libraries annual writing contest book launch is on April 23, 2024 at 6 p.m.


Agenda Item 7– Member Announcements/Future Agenda Items

- Shari Laster proposed that a future agenda item be that board members discuss the Tempe Public Library phone application
- Jessica Brown proposed that a future agenda item in May be the Summer Reading Program

Agenda Item 8 - Adjournments

- Chris Sar, Library Advisory Board Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Library Advisory Board is scheduled to occur at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024;
 - 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