

**Minutes
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

Minutes of the LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD virtual meeting recorded at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, held via Cisco WebEx Events.

(MEMBERS) Present:

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

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Carrie Taylor

City Staff Present:

Rachael Brickner, Sr. Management Assistant - Community Services Administration
Micah Corporaal, Interim Deputy Community Services Director - Library Services Division

General Public Present:

Larry Conway, President - Friends of the Tempe Public Library

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order:

- Teri Metros, Library Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Call to the Audience:

- No public comment.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the January 6, 2021, Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes:
APPROVED

- Teri Metros, Library Advisory Board (Board) Chair, asked the Board members to review the unapproved meeting minutes document dated January 6, 2021.
 - No edits noted or requested.

MOTION: Chris Sar, Library Advisory Board Vice-Chair, moved to approve the January 6, 2021, Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

SECOND: Dr. Felicia Durden seconded.

DECISION: Motion approved, 4-0; two (2) abstained, one (1) member absent.

Ayes: Teri Metros (Chair), Chris Sar (Vice-Chair), Marie Brown, Dr. Felicia Durden

Nays: None

Absent: Carrie Taylor

Abstained: Marissa Dailey, Christopher Watts

Agenda Item 4 - Report: Friends of the Tempe Public Library

- Micah Corporaal (M. Corporaal), Interim Deputy Community Services Director - Library Services Division, introduced Larry Conway, Friends of the Tempe Public Library President, and welcomed L. Conway to the Library Advisory Board (Board) meeting.
- Per L. Conway, there was no Friends of the Tempe Public Library report for the month of February 2021.

Agenda Item 5 - Staff Report: Micah Corporaal, Interim Deputy Community Services Director

- Micah Corporaal (M. Corporaal), Interim Deputy Community Services Director - Library Services Division, reported the following information specific to January 2021 operations of Tempe Public Library's (Library) Youth Services area:
 - The **Kid Lit Picks** program, a librarian-curated book recommendations service for kids, pulled 41 items;
 - As a direct result of funding received from Friends of the Tempe Public Library, 400 **Youth Activity Packs** were developed and distributed by staff;
 - **Facebook Live Storytime** attendance totaled 276 view;
 - A handful of teens continue to attend a weekly **Zoom Teen Hangout**;
 - The Youth Services team is **partnering with the City of Tempe's Kid Zone Enrichment Program (Kid Zone)** to hand-select and reserve 200 age-appropriate books every two weeks for students currently participating in the Kid Zone program;
 - Using **Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funding**, the Youth Services team is actively ordering graphic novels to fill gaps in young adult manga, and within its graphic novel collection.
 - Youth Library staff members are assembling grab-n-go bags of materials and library information for a read-aloud facilitated by the City of Tempe Human Services Department and Experience Corps in celebration of black history month;
 - The read-aloud will occur from noon to 4 p.m. on February 26 adjacent to Escalante Community Center near the StoryWalk within Escalante Community Park;
 - Experience Corps will also provide a copy of the StoryWalk title, *Is Everyone Ready for Fun?* to each participant.

- Planning for the 2021 Summer Reading Program is underway;
 - The Maricopa County-wide program will be virtual;
 - As the pandemic continues, Library staff members are working to determine the best methods to offer summer reading services with current staffing models.
- M. Corporaal further reported the following information specific to Tempe Public Library's (Library) Adult Services area:
 - 98 adults were engaged in **programming** in January 2021;
 - Programs included **tech help, writing workshops, book clubs** and **sustainability workshops**;
- Tempe Public Library is further partnering with Human Services to facilitate a laptop and hotspot-lending program, **Connect Tempe**, to Tempe residents experiencing the digital divide;
 - A recruitment is underway for a program technician to interview applicants, register applicants for library cards, distribute equipment and provide tech support to users and staff.
- The **Kanopy** platform streaming service saw 199 plays in its third month of service;
- Year-to-date, there's been a 29% increase in **digital materials check-out**;
- In comparison to pre-pandemic numbers, there's been a 50% decrease in physical check-outs;
- The Technical Services team is evaluating **online educational tools** and **third-party applications** to streamline resource availability;
- **Public access computers** within the Library's computer lab saw 566 uses in January 2021;
 - The lab at Escalante Community Center saw 240 uses;
 - The lab at North Tempe Multi-Generational Center usage saw 144 uses.
- Tempe Public Library continues to maintain an average attendance of 1,027 patrons per week.

Agenda Item 6 - Member Announcements/Future Agenda Item

- No announcements or future agenda items noted.

Agenda Item 7 - Adjournment

- Teri Metros, Library Advisory Board 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, March 3, 2021, via Cisco WebEx Events.

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Prepared by: Rachael Brickner; Reviewed by: Keith Burke



March 3, 2021

Approval Signature: Library Advisory Board Member