



Minutes LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD Wednesday, February 7, 2024

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

(MEMBERS) Present:

Chris Sar (Chair)
Marie Brown (Vice-Chair)
Teri Metros
Jesse Shank
Jessica Brown (remote)
Shari Laster (remote)

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Dr. Felicia Durden

City Staff Present:

Jessica Jupitus, Deputy Community Services Director - Library Services Division
Carlos Bejarano Jr., Support Services Supervisor - Library Services Division

General Public Present:

Max from ASU Journalism School

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order:

- Chris Sar, Library Advisory Board (Board) Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Call to the Audience:

- No public comments from the audience to report.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the January 3, 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 January 3, 2024.

MOTION: Jesse Shank moved to approve the January 3, 2024 Library Advisory Board meeting minutes.

SECOND: Teri Metros seconded.

DECISION: Motion approved, 5-0.

Ayes: Chris Sar (Chair), Teri Metros, Jesse Shank, Jessica Brown, and Shari Laster

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: Marie Brown (Vice Chair)

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.
- Jessica Jupitus shared updates from the last Friends of the Tempe Public Library meeting.
 - Friend of Tempe Public Library President Larry Conway will be stepping down from the role in February after 15 years with the Friends.
 - Virginia “Ginny” Sylvester is a new Friends of the Tempe Public Library Board member.
 - The Tempe Public Library is working with the Friends of the Tempe Public Library for a mural on the lower level of the Library.

Agenda Item 5 - 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, starting with the Youth and Teen Services areas:
 - Youth Services offered 48 programs in January 2024 with 1,281 attendees:
 - Storytime:
 - Baby, 3 sessions
 - Evening, 4 sessions
 - Preschool, 5 sessions
 - Toddler, 4 sessions
 - FanCon (special)
 - Baby Bonding, 3 sessions
 - Code Club, 3 sessions
 - J. Jupitus stated that now that all the grant supplies have arrived, this program has moved off the floor to The Mill program room.
 - LEGO Lab, 4 sessions
 - Page Turners, 3 sessions
 - Kids Café, 12 sessions
 - Open Learning Lab, daily
 - Totally Tween Hangouts, 4 sessions

- Get Inked, 2 sessions
- 115 teens participated in Teen Programming including the following:
 - Game On, 5 sessions
 - Life Skills Mondays, 3 sessions
 - Create Thursday, 5 sessions
 - D&D, 3 sessions (teen-led)
 - Maker Lab, 5 sessions
 - Tabletop Kingdom, 4 sessions
 - Teen Volunteer Orientation
- The Youth Library had 39 Youth Activity kits and 34 teen STEAM kits check out for in-library use.
- The Tempe Public Library had 34 teen volunteers in January providing 308.5 hours of service – a lot of which was during FanCon.
- The Fun Factory youth play area that the Library team ran, supplemented by Playmobile, Community Arts, and Kid Zone, was a huge success this year and something we will definitely include in the future!
- The shifting of materials in the lower level has garnered significant community praise – the first thing the public sees when they walk into the youth library is toys and books now, and the newly painted walls are colorful and welcoming.
- The Library is in conversation with the Friends about the potential to fund a second mural on the main wall at the base of the stairwell.
- Youth Library staff are running scavenger hunts in the lower level each month, hiding thematic elements throughout the space, and rewarding seekers with a sticker.
 - January had superheroes hidden throughout the Youth Library and watching kids move through the space and ask questions of staff when they were stumped is a delight.
- New Youth Library non-fiction books funded by the Friends of the Tempe Public Library are starting to come in.
- J. Jupitus, Deputy Community Services Director - Library Services Division, gave the following report specific to Tempe Public Library operations:
 - 268 adults participated in programming during January 2024, including the following:
 - Book Clubs:
 - Mystery Club
 - Friends of Dorothy
 - Horror Book Club
 - Reading Global

- Great Books
 - Coffee, Tea, and Books
 - Writing Programs:
 - Writers' Connection
 - Poetry Workshop
 - This Is Who I Am – This Is What I Want You To Know About Me
 - Desert Sleuths - The Publishing Game: Myths, Legends, and Truths revealed
 - English Corner
 - Page Possibilities: Comic Coasters
 - The Tools of Cosplay
 - Reader's Theater
 - Who is the Female Action Hero?
 - DISC
 - iPhone/iPad Level 1 & 2
 - Fan Con
 - Escape Room, multiple sessions post-event
 - Fan Con Report:
 - There were 4,500 FanCon attendees in 2024.
 - There were 90+ vendors and food trucks at FanCon.
 - The Fun Factory, operated in partnership with other community services departments for kids and families, was a success.
 - Several Board members were in attendance.
 - Circulation in January 2024:
 - January: 41,569
 - *January 2023: 41,841*
 - December: 37,618
 - November: 40,885
- Digital:
- January: 39,750
 - *January 2023: 34,456*
 - December: 37,465

- November: 36,051
- The Tempe Public Library registered **1,538** new users in January and updated **763** cards.
- Public access computers saw 3,961 sessions in January 2024.
 - The computers on the main floor saw 3,582 uses.
 - The computers in the Teen Center saw 30 uses.
 - The computers in Youth Services saw 230 uses.
 - Satellite sites including Cahill Senior Center, Escalante, and North Tempe saw 119 uses.
- 2,278 Tempe Public Library app downloads after a big boost in December and January.
- The Tempe Public Library's gates were not working correctly until mid-January 2024, affecting the gate count.
 - The Library estimates 38,000 visitors or an average of 1,340 a day.
- The Library's new self-checks and new gates working.
- The new automated materials handlers for book returns will be installed in two weeks.
- A new art show was mounted in the Connections Café featuring two local artists, Rachel Slick and Timothy Schirak.
 - A date for the opening reception is pending.

Agenda Item 6 – Member Announcements/Future Agenda Items

- Marie Brown asked if the Tempe Public Library's librarian positions are now fully staffed.
 - J. Jupitus responded and stated that the Library is still short two youth librarians and reposting the positions next Thursday.
- Teri Metros asked if anyone was applying for the librarian positions.
 - J. Jupitus responded and stated there haven't been a lot of applicants for the positions.
 - New librarian Allison Stricklin came to the Tempe Public Library from Texas and started on January 29.
- Teri Metros asked if the librarian positions still require a Master's in Library Science (MLS).
 - J. Jupitus responded and stated yes and that is a conversation that a lot of libraries are having.
 - The market study just increased wages for librarians and hopefully that will make the Tempe Public Library a little more competitive.
- Chris Sar did site visits to the three community centers to look around and to see the other services at these centers. Chris asked staff at the centers what services the public is asking for.

- Jesse Shank asked if the number of attendees listed earlier was unique individuals.
 - J. Jupitus responded and stated that the Tempe Public Library only counts the number of attendees and it is possible to have the same individual attendees for story times different story times.
- J. Jupitus shared that the Friends of Dorothy Book Club had 34 attendees at the last meeting.
 - J. Jupitus stated that the *Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich* is incredibly cute.

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournments

- Chris Sar, Library Advisory Board Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Library Advisory Board is scheduled to occur at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 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: Carlos Bejarano Jr.; Reviewed by: Jessica Jupitus



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Approval Signature: Library Advisory Board Member