

**Minutes
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

Minutes of the LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD virtual meeting recorded at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, held in a hybrid format via Cisco WebEx Events and in-person within the Tempe Public Library second-floor Conference Room; 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Teri Metros (Chair) - In Person
Marie Brown - Virtual
Marissa Dailey - Virtual
Dr. Felicia Durden - Virtual
Carrie Taylor - Virtual
Christopher M. Watts (Vice-Chair) - Virtual

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Chris Sar

City Staff Present:

Rachael Brickner, Sr. Management Assistant - Community Services Administration
Keith Burke, Community Services Director
Katie O'Connor, Interim Deputy Community Services Director - Library Services Division

General Public Present:

- No members of the public present.

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order:

- Teri Metros, Library Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Call to the Audience:

- No public comments from the audience to report.

**Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the December 1, 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 December 1, 2021.
 - No edits noted or requested.

MOTION: Christopher M. Watts (Vice-Chair) moved to approve the December 1, 2021 Library Advisory Board meeting minutes as presented.

SECOND: Marie Brown seconded.

DECISION: Motion approved, 6-0.

Ayes: Marie Brown, Marissa Dailey, Dr. Felicia Durden, Teri Metros (Chair), Carrie Taylor, and Christopher M. Watts (Vice-Chair)

Nays: None

Absent: Chris Sar

Abstained: None

Agenda Item 4 - Report: Friends of Tempe Public Library

- No report.

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:
 - **41** adults were engaged in **programming** during December 2021; programs included:
 - **Family Myths with Dr. Duane Roen;**
 - Dr. Duen Roen will host another writing workshop on Saturday, January 8, titled, "Stories Our Parents and Grandparents Told Us."
 - **iPhone Photography;**
 - **Writers' Connection;**
 - **Mystery Club;**
 - **iPhone Photography;**
 - **Great Books discussions.**
 - **January 2022** programs include:
 - **How to Use Google Docs;**
 - **Spotlight Reads: Diversify Your Shelf**, a new book club highlighting BIPOC and LGBTQ+ authors;
 - **Understanding Our Stellar Neighbors**, an astronomy program led by ASU Professor Sanchayeeta Borthakur;
 - **Cosplay Make-Up: Bruises, Blisters, and Gore**, led by local artist Sydney A.A. Banks, head make-up artist for United Zombies of America;
 - **Cosplay Thermoplastics**, a live demonstration of the use of thermoplastics for cosplay;

- **FanCon** (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, January 29), an annual, signature event of Tempe Public Library with costume contests, artists, authors, vendors, and activities for all ages that celebrate pop culture.
- **Physical circulation of materials** increased during the summer months after Tempe Public Library (Library) fully re-opened in June, restoring weekend and evening hours and full access to browsing;
 - An initial decrease was observed in November 2021; however, November/December has traditionally been a lower-use time for the Library.
 - While the Library's circulation of materials hasn't fully returned to pre-pandemic numbers; circulation has nearly doubled from what was reported in December 2020.
 - Physical circulation of materials in December 2021 totaled 27,392 uses;
 - December 2020: 15,115 uses;
 - December 2019: 40,097 uses.
- **Virtual/eResource circulation** increased significantly at the beginning of 2020 as the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and the Library closed to the public;
 - Virtual/eResource circulation evened out in 2021, and gradually decreased as physical access increased;
 - This is consistent with trends in other Valley library systems.
 - Virtual/eResource circulation in December 2021 totaled 26,946 uses;
 - December 2020: 28,430 uses;
 - December 2019: 22,456 uses.
- **BrainFuse**, an eTutoring resource, has launched, and is providing homework assistance for students of all ages, as well as career resources, resume' support, and citizenship test preparation.
- **Public access computers** within the Library's computer lab saw 1,980 uses in December 2021;
 - The lab on the **main floor** saw 1,743 uses;
 - The lab in the **Teen Center** saw 12 uses;
 - The lab in **Youth Services** saw 51 uses;
 - **Satellite locations** including the Cahill Senior Center, Escalante Community Center, and the North Tempe Multi-Generational Center saw 174 uses.
- Tempe Public Library has an **average attendance** of 670 patrons per day.

- Tempe Public Library has the following active recruitment:
 - Library Assistant in Technical Services.
- Tempe Public Library has the following pending recruitment:
 - Library Manager assigned to Youth and Teen Services.
- J. Jupitus reported the following information specific to operations of Tempe Public Library's (Library) **Youth and Teen Services** areas:
 - The Community Services Department hosted Winterfest on December 3; Library staff members attended, and connected with 420 people;
 - The Friends of the Tempe Public Library organization was also on-site to provide cocoa and cider to the attendees.
 - **Kindergarten Readiness Workshop**, a program for children ages four and five-years-old and their caregivers to practice school readiness skills, held a single session with two participants;
 - **Homeschool Open Lab** returned for daily use and had five participants;
 - **Facebook Live Story Times** continue to remain popular with attendance totaling 500 views;
 - **Teen Volunteers** provided 75.5 hours of service among 13 teens;
 - **Anime Streamers** played host to three sessions with a total of seven participants;
 - **Create Thursdays** held three sessions with a total of 17 participants;
 - Virtual programming for teens continues; **Teen Times** and weekly **Zoom Teen Hangouts** continue to see a handful of participants each month;
 - Returning in January 2022:
 - Code Club;
 - Game On;
 - Page Turners book club.

Agenda Item 6 - Member Announcements/Future Agenda Items

- No member announcements or future agenda items noted.

Agenda Item 7 - Adjournment

- Teri Metros, Library Advisory Board Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

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- The next meeting of the Library Advisory Board is scheduled to occur at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2022;
 - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this public meeting will be held virtually through Cisco WebEx Events or Microsoft Teams.

Prepared by: Rachael Brickner; Reviewed by: Keith Burke



February 2, 2022

Approval Signature: Library Advisory Board Member