

**Minutes
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

Minutes of the LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD virtual meeting recorded at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, held via Microsoft Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

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

(MEMBERS) Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Rachael Brickner, Sr. Management Assistant - Community Services Administration
Meghan Cyr, Library Manager - Library Services Division
Jessica Jupitus, Deputy Community Services Director - Library Services Division
Samantha Seeman, Librarian II+ - Library Services Division

General Public Present:

Larry Conway, President - Friends of 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 comments from the audience to report.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the April 6, 2022, 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 April 6, 2022.
 - No edits noted or requested.

MOTION: Chris Sar moved to approve the April 6, 2022 Library Advisory Board meeting minutes as presented.

SECOND: Marie Brown seconded.

DECISION: Motion approved, 7-0.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Agenda Item 4 - Report: Friends of Tempe Public Library

- Larry Conway, President of the Friends of Tempe Public Library (Friends) organization, reported that the Friends are actively working to support Tempe Public Library (Library) programming efforts including the provision of prizes for the Library's Writing Contest and funding for the purchase of artist-designed Library cards.
- L. Conway announced that Connections Café will offer special summer refreshments in alignment with the Summer Reading Program theme, "Oceans of Possibility." In addition, the Friends are sponsoring one book per child participating in the Library's Scholastic Book Fair.
- L. Conway was pleased to announce that the Friends continue to see success with their online book sales.
- L. Conway noted that the Friends are scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. on May 24 within the Connections Café program room.

Agenda Item 5 - Report: Summer Reading Program

- Samantha Seeman, Librarian II+ announced that the Summer Reading Program will begin on June 1; the 2022 theme is "Oceans of Possibility."
 - All teams within Tempe Public Library are actively working to create Summer Reading Program décor and activities;
 - Summer Reading Program registration opened May 1; a link to program registration is available at TempePublicLibrary.org. The program will conclude on August 1; final minutes must be logged by no later than July 31.
 - County program prizes include books, State Park passes, and coupons for food vendors. Tempe Public Library will offer additional prizes such as Book Store Bucks from the Friends of Tempe Public Library, raffle prizes for Chromebooks and Kindles, and additional gift certificate prizes from local vendors.
 - Tempe Public Library will host Totally Tempe Tuesdays, a program series held in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program. Totally Tempe Tuesdays begins at 2 p.m. on June 7 with a Scholastic Book Fair in Meeting Room A.
 - The Library will also host nine community experiences in partnership with the Summer Reading Program; the experiences will occur within Tempe multi-generational centers, as

well as AZ Mills Mall.

- Marketing and outreach efforts for summer reading will occur via social media (Facebook, Twitter).

Agenda Item 6 - 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:
 - **251** adults were engaged in **programming** during April 2022; programs included:
 - **English Corner;**
 - **Writer's Connection;**
 - **Memories on Wheels;**
 - **Virtual Poetry Slam;**
 - **The Universal Specific;**
 - **Book Signing Superstar;**
 - **Mystery Club;**
 - **Great Books discussions;**
 - **Coffee, Tea, and Books;**
 - **Friends of Dorothy Book Club;**
 - **Reader's Theater;**
 - **iPhone Photography;**
 - **Computer Basics 1 & 2;**
 - **Goodreads and Podcasts and Social Media Platforms;**
 - **DISC Drop-In Help with ASU Students;**
 - **Life Beyond our Planet;**
 - **Sustainability: All About Soil;**
 - **Stump a Gardner.**
- There were no large events in April leading into the drop-in programs. The **Writer in Residence** program has transitioned from Sara Fujiyama to Mindi Tarquini; Tarquini's first program is on Saturday, May 7.

- The **book launch celebration** for the annual **Tempe Writer's Contest** was well-attended; the authors were happy to present their work to friends and family.
- Tempe Public Library will partner with Tempe Public Art to host a **reception** at 5:30 p.m. on May 24. Rebecca Rothman, Community Services Manager, will lead a tour through the Library from Shela Yu's mural on the lower level to the Safwat Saleem installation on the main floor, to the studio works from the most recent utility box artists on the Library's second floor, with the reception to follow in the second-floor lobby area. Tempe Public Art will create **limited edition, artist-designed library cards** using the utility box art.
- **Physical circulation of materials** increased slightly in April 2022;
 - Physical circulation of materials in February 2022 totaled 33,383 uses;
 - Physical circulation of materials in March 2022 totaled 38,924 uses;
 - Physical circulation of materials in April 2022 totaled 39,534 uses.
- **Virtual/eResource circulation** decreased by 4% from March 2022;
 - eResource circulation in February 2022 totaled 26,292 uses;
 - eResource circulation in March 2022 totaled 28,810 uses;
 - eResource circulation in April 2022 totaled 27,788 uses.
- The Library registered more than 2,000 new users in April 2022. **BrainFuse**, an online tutoring and job support resource, saw 86 uses in February, 764 uses in March, and 126 uses in April.
- **Public access computers** within the Library's computer lab saw 3,121 uses in April 2022, a slight increase from March 2022;
 - The lab on the **main floor** saw 2,690 uses;
 - The lab in the **Teen Center** saw 71 uses;
 - The lab in **Youth Services** saw 146 uses;
 - **Satellite locations** including the Cahill Senior Center, Escalante Community Center, and the North Tempe Multi-Generational Center saw 235 uses.
- Tempe Public Library has an **average attendance** of 845 patrons per day.
- Tempe Public Library has the following **active recruitments**:
 - Librarian I/II+ assigned to Youth and Teen Services;
 - Part-time, temporary Library Assistants assigned to Support Services.

- J. Jupitus reported the following information specific to operations of Tempe Public Library's (Library) **Youth and Teen Services** areas:
 - 658 participants were engaged in **youth programming** during April 2022; J. Jupitus highlighted the following programs:
 - **Code Club**, a club for youth ages six to 11-years-old to explore programming language and more, met four times;
 - **PageTurners**, a program hosted by students from Arizona State University for youth ages six to 11-years-old to develop positive relationships with reading held two sessions;
 - **Family Story Time** (eight sessions; 66 attendees at each);
 - **We Are the Music Makers** met four times;
 - **LEGO Lab** (three sessions);
 - **36 Youth Activity Kits and 5 teen STEAM kits** were checked-out for in-library use.
 - 73 participants were engaged in **teen programming** during April 2022; J. Jupitus highlighted the following programs:
 - **Anime Streamers**, teen-led meetups for Anime/Manga fans met four times;
 - **Game On**, free play video games and socialization, held four sessions;
 - **Create Thursday**, teen-led, pop-up makerspace activities, occurred four times;
 - **Zoom Hangouts** (four sessions);
 - **Building Protected Worlds** (poetry workshop).
 - **Teen Volunteers** provided 66 hours of service among 19 teens.
 - Virtual programming for teens continues; **Teen Times** and weekly **Zoom Teen Hangouts** continue to see a handful of participants each month.
 - Tempe Public Library held a volunteer orientation on April 30; 17 participants attended, and 12 participants were new teens.
 - Tempe Public Library will celebrate outreach in May; it will host a story time program with the Mayor at noon on May 31.

Agenda Item 7 - Member Announcements/Future Agenda Items

- Dr. Felicia Durden reported that she is hosting a book club series presented by the African American Advisory Committee at Tempe History Museum; the first discussion occurred on March 24, and the next meeting of the book club will be on April 28.

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Agenda Item 8 - Adjournment

- Teri Metros, Library Advisory Board Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Library Advisory Board is scheduled to occur at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2022;
 - 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: Rachael Brickner: Reviewed by: Keith Burke



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Approval Signature: Library Advisory Board Member