



Minutes LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Minutes of the LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD virtual meeting recorded at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 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
Colleen Fincke, Librarian II+ - Library Services Division
Jessica Jupitus, 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 6:01 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Call to the Audience:

- No public comments from the audience to report.

**Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the September 7, 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 September 7, 2022.
 - No edits noted or requested.

MOTION: Marie Brown moved to approve the September 7, 2022 Library Advisory Board meeting minutes as presented.

SECOND: Chris Sar 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

- No report.

Agenda Item 5 - Report: Adult Services Report

- Colleen Fincke, Librarian II+, gave a report specific to **Adult Services programming** at Tempe Public Library (Library).
 - C. Fincke announced the following new programs for adults at the Library;
 - **Interview with horror author Clay Mcleod Chapman** on October 4 specific to his new book, "Ghost Eaters," available on YouTube;
 - **An evening with AZ Paranormal Investigations and Research Society** at 6:30 p.m. on October 12;
 - **A Halloween Poetry Workshop with Austin Davis** at 1 p.m. on October 15;
 - **Creature Feature: Bats** with Arizona Game and Fish at 2 p.m. on October 30;
 - **Tempe's Got Talent!** at 1 p.m. on April 22.
 - C. Fincke further announced the following **AZ Speaks** program hosted by speakers from **Arizona Humanities** and other **cultural, educational, and nonprofit** organizations:
 - **The Underground and Overground Railroad** presented by **Dr. Tamika Sanders** at 2 p.m. on February 5.
 - Teri Metros, Library Advisory Board Chair, and Dr. Felicia Durden praised Colleen Fincke for her ongoing efforts to facilitate Adult Services programming at Tempe Public Library.

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:
 - **275** adults were engaged in **programming** during September 2022; programs included:

- **Book Clubs**
 - Mystery Club
 - Great Books
 - Coffee, Tea, and Books
 - Friends of Dorothy
 - **Writing Programs**
 - Writers' Connection
 - The Pandemic Experience
 - Reading and Writing about Wildlife to Improve Literacy
 - **Technology Help**
 - Computer Basics
 - iPad/iPhone Explained
 - Computer/Tablet/Smartphone Basics at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center
 - ASU DiSC Drop-In Tech Help
 - 1:1 Tech Help Appointments
 - **English Corner**
 - **Meet and Compete: Board Game Playing**
 - **Reader's Theater**
 - **Plant Swap**
 - **Learning the Political System with Equality AZ**
 - **Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament**
- The Library is bringing in more gaming and social events with its **Meet and Compete** night and its **Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament**; 49 patrons attended and the winning team completed its 500-piece puzzle in 48 minutes and 28 seconds.
 - The **Plant Swap** and **Meet and Compete** were first time attempts and had 27 and eight attendees, respectively.
 - The first series of recycled book art programs called **Page Possibilities** will be held on the first Saturdays of the next three months; the programs will create Halloween Garlands, Turkey

Centerpieces, and Snowflakes.

- **Physical circulation of materials** decreased slightly in September 2022 (-8% from August);
 - Physical circulation of materials in July 2022 totaled 49,579 uses;
 - Physical circulation of materials in August 2022 totaled 49,096 uses;
 - Physical circulation of materials in September 2022 totaled 45,200 uses;
 - For comparison, physical circulation of materials in September 2021 totaled 31,345 uses.
- **Virtual/eResource circulation** decreased by 7% from August 2022;
 - eResource circulation in July 2022 totaled 31,652 uses;
 - eResource circulation in August 2022 totaled 32,506 uses;
 - eResource circulation in September 2022 totaled 30,456 uses;
 - For comparison, eResource circulation in September 2021 totaled 27,381 uses.
- As expected, circulation slowed after the Summer Reading boom of access but the numbers remain strong;
 - Tempe Public Library **registered just under 1,300 new patrons** in September (for **National Library Card Sign-Up Month**) and **renewed/updated 863 cards**;
 - Previously, renewed and updated cards were outnumbering new cards;
 - Summer Reading and Tempe Public Library marketing efforts are paying off.
- **Public access computers** within the Library's computer lab saw 3,582 uses in September 2022, a slight decrease of 4% from August 2022;
 - The lab on the **main floor** saw 3,182 uses;
 - The lab in the **Teen Center** saw 25 uses;
 - The lab in **Youth Services** saw 179 uses;
 - **Satellite locations** including the Cahill Senior Center, Escalante Community Center, and the North Tempe Multi-Generational Center saw 196 uses.
- Tempe Public Library has an **average attendance** of 1,021 patrons per day, almost identical to the counts from July and August 2022.
- The Library recently purchased a **Short Edition short story machine** that generates one, three, or five-minute stories at the press of a button;

- Tempe Public Library is partnering with the new **SLAM school** to connect its students with Library cards, and to the Library;
 - Tempe Public Library continues to seek new ways to support students and teachers.
- New **water fountains with bottle fillers** are being installed in the Library.
- J. Jupitus reported the following information specific to operations of Tempe Public Library's (Library) **Youth and Teen Services** areas:
 - 1,018 participants were engaged in **youth programming** during September 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;
 - **Baby Lap Sit Story Time** (Mondays; three sessions);
 - **Evening Story Time** (Tuesdays; four sessions);
 - **Preschool Story Time** (Wednesdays; four sessions);
 - **Toddler Story Time** (Thursdays; four sessions).
 - **We Are the Music Makers** (four sessions);
 - **LEGO Lab** (seven sessions);
 - **70 Youth Activity Kits and 25 teen STEAM kits** were checked-out for in-library use.
 - 172 participants were engaged in **teen programming** during September 2022; J. Jupitus highlighted the following programs:
 - **Game On**, free play video games and socialization, held four sessions;
 - **Create Thursday**, teen-led, pop-up makerspace activities, occurred five times;
 - **Zoom Hangouts** (four sessions);
 - **Mind-Body Mondays** (three sessions);
 - **MusicHype** (three sessions);
 - **Teen Volunteer Orientation.**
 - **Teen Volunteers** provided 166.5 hours of service among 11 teens.
 - Virtual programming for teens continues; **Teen Times** and weekly **Zoom Teen Hangouts** continue to see a handful of participants each month.

- Approximately 40 patrons attended the first evening Story Time, and attendance has not slowed, averaging 66 people per Story Time event.
- Tempe Public Library played host to two Library tours for school-age children;
- In the last two (2) months of **outreach**, the Library team has engaged with 120+ students from Meyer Montessori and worked with homeschool families to plan for student tours in October 2022.

Agenda Item 7 - Member Announcements/Future Agenda Items

- No announcements or future agenda items noted.

Agenda Item 8 - Adjournment

- Teri Metros, Library Advisory Board Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Library Advisory Board is scheduled to occur at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 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: Jessica Jupitus

Christopher M. Watts

November 2, 2022

Approval Signature: Library Advisory Board Member