



Minutes LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Minutes of the LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD virtual meeting recorded at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 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:

Linda Barrett, Connect Tempe Services Technician - Library Services Division
Carlos Bejarano, Support Services Supervisor - Library Services Division
Rachael Brickner, Sr. Management Assistant - Community Services Administration
Jessica Jupitus, Deputy Community Services Director - 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 6:06 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Call to the Audience:

- No public comments from the audience to report.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the March 2, 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 March 2, 2022.
 - No edits noted or requested.

MOTION: Chris Sar moved to approve the March 2, 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 considering an expansion of operating hours for the Connections Café.
- L. Conway noted that the Friends will hold their next meeting at 6 p.m. on April 26, 2022, within the Connections Café.
- L. Conway was pleased to announce that the Friends will be partnering with Tempe Public Library (Library) to help support the Library's summer reading program efforts, as well as its writing programs.

Agenda Item 5 - Update: Connect Tempe Program Closure

- Linda Barrett, Connect Tempe Service Technician, gave an update regarding the closure of the Connect Tempe pilot program at Tempe Public Library (Library).
 - L. Barrett explained that oversight of the Connect Tempe program will transition to the City of Tempe Human Services (Human Services) Department effective May 1, 2022;
 - Connect Tempe is funded by a federal grant; Human Services is actively working to secure additional funding to allow for the program to continue.
 - L. Barrett noted that 44 out of 200 chrome books remain unused; with the pilot program, the Library was able to help 156 individuals navigate the digital divide by providing chrome books and hot spots to individuals in need.
 - L. Barrett relayed impact testimonials and personal stories shared by Connect Tempe participants.
 - L. Barrett praised Mary Mezey, City of Tempe Human Services Supervisor, for her work to secure funding for Connect Tempe, as well as for her leadership throughout the past year.

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:
 - **351** adults were engaged in **programming** during March 2022; programs included:
 - **English Corner;**

- **Writer's Connection;**
- **Clothing Choices and Family Memories;**
- **There are only 7 Stories in the World;**
- **Mystery Club;**
- **Great Books discussions;**
- **Coffee, Tea, and Books;**
- **Spotlight Reads;**
- **App Store 101;**
- **Computer Basics 1 & 2;**
- **Goodreads and Podcasts and Social Media Platforms;**
- **DISC Drop-In Help with ASU Students;**
- **Reader's Theater;**
- **2 Marvelous Universe Sessions - Our Galaxy: The Milky Way and The First Galaxies;**
- **Desert Raptors;**
- **Retirement Strategies with Increasing Health Care Costs;**
- **Beyond Beauty: Brazilian India Funai Feather Art;**
- **Sustainability: Right Tree, Right Place;**
- **Book Bike:** Representation at Tempe's Care Fair.
- Tempe Public Library has renewed its **partnership with AZ Humanities** and will have **programs** offered during the summer months specific to **Ghost Towns** and **Code Talkers**.
- The book launch for the **Tempe Writing Contest** is scheduled to occur at 6 p.m. on April 27.
- Tempe Public Library will play host to a **virtual poetry slam** beginning at 3 p.m. on April 23. Alberto Rios, local poet and ASU instructor, has shared the information with his classes; the Library team is hopeful for good participation.

- The Library will partner with **Brick Road Coffee** in Tempe to host the **Friends of Dorothy Book Club**; the first meeting is at 7 p.m. on April 12, and the first book is *The Witch King* by H.E. Edgmon.
- **Physical circulation of materials** increased by 16% in March 2022;
 - Physical circulation of materials in January 2022 totaled 35,341 uses;
 - Physical circulation of materials in February 2022 totaled 33,383 uses;
 - Physical circulation of materials in March 2022 totaled 38,924 uses.
- **Virtual/eResource circulation** increased by 10% in March 2022;
 - eResource circulation in January 2022 totaled 29,704 uses;
 - eResource circulation in February 2022 totaled 26,292 uses;
 - eResource circulation in March 2022 totaled 28,810 uses.
- Increases in traffic and programming mean that the Library sees increases in circulation; the **largest decrease** in virtual circulation is with **Freegal**, the Library's music streaming service.
- **Public access computers** within the Library's computer lab saw 3,092 uses in March 2022, an increase of 18% from February 2022;
 - The lab on the **main floor** saw 2,684 uses;
 - The lab in the **Teen Center** saw 19 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 243 uses.
- Tempe Public Library has an **average attendance** of 830 patrons per day, an increase of 5% from February 2022.
- Tempe Public Library has completed the following **active recruitment**:
 - Library Manager assigned to Youth and Teen Services - Meghan Cyr, Youth and Teen Services Librarian II+, will fill this vacancy;
 - Interim Library Manager assigned to Infrastructure - McKay Wellikson, Collections Management Supervisor, will fill this interim vacancy.
- J. Jupitus reported the following information specific to operations of Tempe Public Library's (Library) **Youth and Teen Services** areas:

- 534 participants were engaged in **youth programming** during March 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 three 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 four sessions;
 - **Final Facebook Live Story Time**;
 - **Outdoor Story Time** occurred twice;
 - **We Are the Music Makers** met three times;
 - **53 Youth Activity Kits and 35 teen STEAM kits** were checked-out for in-library use.
- 77 participants were engaged in **teen programming** during March 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 five sessions;
 - **Create Thursday**, teen-led, pop-up makerspace activities, occurred three times;
 - **James Madison Prep School Tour**.
- **Teen Volunteers** provided 65 hours of service among 15 teens.
- Virtual programming for teens continues; **Teen Times** and weekly **Zoom Teen Hangouts** continue to see a handful of participants each month.
- Youth and Teen Services staffed a table at **Geeks Night Out** and interacted with more than 300 people to highlight the We Are the Music Makers program, as well as the 24-hour homework help resource, BrainFuse.
- **LEGO Lab** will resume mid-April.
- The Library will celebrate **National Poetry Month** on April 26 with local poet **Sean Avery Medlin's** program, "Building Protected Worlds." Medlin works with many incarcerated youth and other local writing programs, in addition to being a published poet.
- Tempe Public Library recently performed a **purge of the Polaris system** to remove patrons who have not used their Library card since July 2017 or earlier; the Library now has 84,423 active users.

Agenda Item 7 - Member Announcements/Future Agenda Items

- Dr. Felicia Durden inquired if the Tempe Public Library staff team would consider hosting a table at the Juneteenth event scheduled to occur within Tempe History Museum in June.

Agenda Item 8 - Adjournment

- Teri Metros, Library Advisory Board Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Library Advisory Board is scheduled to occur at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 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



May 4, 2022

Approval Signature: Library Advisory Board Member