

# City of Mesa Library Advisory Board Meeting

Date: May 21, 2013  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Location: City of Mesa Main Library  
64 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street

## Members Present

Diane Cantile  
*Chair*

Kathy Tolman  
Sharon Webster  
Becky Rapier  
Teresa D'Asaro  
Blair Lange  
Ellen Bachman

## Staff Present

Heather Wolf  
Lanty Snelson  
Polly Bonnett  
Dawn Kucerak  
Kellie Gillespie  
Kathy Little

Melissa McCallister  
Kate Griffin  
Janice Dell  
Darcy Ljunggren  
Sarah Prosory

## Members Absent

Lora Bolick  
Robert McDonald, Jr.

## Guests Present

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
<b>Call to Order</b>	Board Chair Diane Cantile called the regular bi-monthly meeting of the City of Mesa Library Advisory Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on May 21, 2013.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Board member Sharon Webster moved & Board member Teresa D'Asaro seconded that the minutes of the March 19, 2013 regular meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed, all voting yes.
<b>Public Comments</b>	There were no public comments.  Library Director Heather Wolf introduced new staff members who joined the Library in April to the Board: Melissa McCallister and Kate Griffin – Librarian III's at the Main Library, Sarah Prosory – Librarian III (THINKspot Coordinator) at the Red Mountain Library, Janice Dell – Volunteer Coordinator for the Main Library and Darcy Ljunggren – Volunteer Coordinator for the Red Mountain, Dobson Ranch and Mesa Express libraries.
<b>Director's Report</b>	Library Director Heather Wolf reported on the following:  <u>April 2013 Usage statistics:</u> Circulation, in-house library visits, program attendance and public Internet terminal uses. See handout.  <u>THINKspot update:</u> Construction has been completed and the furniture order placed with an anticipated delivery of late June. The selection and purchase of technology equipment is now underway. Sarah Prosory, Librarian III, THINKspot Coordinator started in mid-April and has met with potential partners/stakeholders at ASU, ASU Poly Tech, and the I.D.E.A. Museum. Council approved the Library's submission of two Indian Gaming grant applications, Tohono O'odham and Gila River, to fund "maker kits" for young adults and children. Robotics kits for young adults that incorporate math, science and engineering and simple Connects and Little Bits kits for children.

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The anticipated grand opening of THINKspot would be in September.

Budget update:

The Library presented its proposed FY 13/14 budget to Council on April 15<sup>th</sup> and as of last Thursday Council had heard from all City departments on their budgets. City Manager Chris Brady has presented the City's FY 13/14 recommended balanced budget to Council. The shortfall of \$8 to \$9 million has been addressed. Council will discuss the recommended budget; adopt the tentative budget on June 4 and the final budget on June 17.

**Materials Complaint Process**

Library Director Heather Wolf reported on the Materials Complaint Process. Ms. Wolf explained that the library's philosophy is to support and enhance the community cycle of reading, learning and understanding. This is accomplished through the selection and purchase of a diverse collection of materials that serve a public comprised of a wide range of ages, educational backgrounds and reading skills. Ms. Wolf further explained that there are occasions when a patron may feel that an item in the collection is inappropriate for some reason. To address the patron's concern, there is a *Reconsideration of Material* procedure in place for the patron to recommend that an item in the library's collection be reviewed for appropriateness. No action will be taken until a *Request for Reconsideration of Material* is completed and submitted by the patron. Ms. Wolf reported that she receives one to two complaints each year. In the last six years she has received seven complaints, four for age inappropriateness, two for content and one for accuracy. Upon review of the material in question by a library staff member, a recommendation is made to the Library Director. Recommendations vary and have included moving the item to another part of the collection such as from young adult to adult, retaining the item where it is or withdrawing the item. If the patron is not satisfied with the recommendation there is an appeal process in which two Board members would participate. See handout - City of Mesa Library Materials Selection Policy.

**YAAC Report**

Board member Blair Lange reported that as of May 18, 2013 the Mesa Public Library YAAC group would remain inactive for the summer. Library Director Heather Wolf reported that for clarification she would follow up on the status of the YAAC group.

**Library Board Community Involvement Update**

Library Director Heather Wolf reported that there are no future dates at this time for any community involvement events.

Board member Becky Rapier shared with the Board her experience with the ALA Citizen Group with whom she visited Washington, D.C., May 7, 2013 for National Library Legislative Day.

**Identify items for future agendas**

None.

**Announcements**

None.

**Adjournment**

Board member Sharon Webster moved & Board member Ellen Bachman seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on September 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in THINKspot, at the Red Mountain Library, 635 N. Power Rd., contingent upon completion of THINKspot with furnishings and equipment.