# City of Mesa Library
# Advisory Board Meeting

Date: May 19, 2015
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Mesa Public Library
Main Library, Boardroom
64 E. 1st Street
Mesa, AZ 85201

**Members Present**
Ellen Bachman, Chair
Megan Sterling, Vice Chair
Teresa D'Asaro
Diane Cantile
Kathy Tolman

**Staff Present**
Heather Wolf
Kathy Little
Polly Bonnett
Dawn P. Kucerak
Melissa McCallister
Sarah Prosory
Cherise Mead

**Members Absent**
Ray Ceo, Jr.
Robert McDonald, Jr.

**Guests Present**

| AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION |
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| **Call to Order** | Board Chair Ellen Bachman called the regular bi-monthly meeting of the City of Mesa Library Advisory Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on May 19, 2015. |
| **Approval of Minutes** | Board member Diane Cantile moved & Board member Teresa D'Asaro seconded that the minutes of the January 20, 2015 regular meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed, all voting yes. |
| **Public Comments** | There were no public comments. |
| **Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements** | Board Chair Ellen Bachman deferred to Library Director Heather Wolf who presented Board member Diane Cantile with a *Certificate of Appreciation* for her participation on the Board from March 2008 through June 2015. Ms. Wolf also reported that Board member Lora Bolick tendered her resignation from the Board. |
| **Citizen Advocate 2015 Report** | Board Vice Chair Megan Sterling reported on her participation as the 2015 Citizen Advocate for Arizona libraries. Ms. Sterling accompanied State Librarian Joan Clark and Arizona Library Association Legislative Chair Kathy Husser to Washington, DC the week of May 4, 2015 for National Library Legislative Day. See handout. |
| **Director's Report** | Library Director Heather Wolf reported on:<br><br><u>April 2015 usage statistics:</u><br>Circulation increased 23% compared to April 2014 because of a new patron service, auto renewal. With auto renewal, if an item checked out by a patron is not on hold or reached the maximum number of renewals the items will automatically renew. See handout. |

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| | FY 2015-16 Budget update:<br>Local sales tax has not performed as anticipated this FY 14/15. The City has revised its local sales tax (revenue) forecast and has advised departments to reduce spending as a result of the revised forecast.<br>The reduction in corporate income tax rates over the next four years and an approximate $8.8M increase in Public Safety pension plans will impact the City's FY 15/16 budget. The City will receive fewer dollars from the corporate income tax and Police and Fire & Medical will address the pension increase within their budgets.<br>Non-public safety departments were asked to identify 5% of their base operating budgets as reductions. After meeting with the City Manager, Mr. Brady, the library's reductions were lowered to 3%, approximately $220,000 and will be absorbed using vacant position dollars.<br>Currently, the budget system includes a compensation market analysis for all positions not covered by an MOU (not represented by a union) and a step pay increase of 5%. Both of these have yet to be approved by City Council. The FY15/16 reductions asked for by the City Manager would fund the salary adjustment and step increase ensuring City salaries are competitive with those of other valley cities.<br>The tentative budget will be adopted on Monday, June 1 and the final budget on Monday, June 15. |
| **THINKspot update** | THINKspot Coordinator Sarah Prosory provided a THINKspot (TS) update citing that since opening TS has had 21,282 visitors, answered 9,067 questions, held 387 workshops and trainings and trained 106 visitors to use the 3D printer and 148 visitors to use the Studio. Ms. Prosory also presented information about outreach and partnerships with the Mesa Public Schools and Arizona State University. In addition, she spoke about the various types of events, workshops and trainings held at TS. |
| **Volunteer2** | No report available as Volunteer Coordinator Janice Dell was excused from this meeting. |
| **Library Board Community Involvement Update** | Library Director Heather Wolf reported that at this time there are no upcoming Library Board community involvement events. |
| **Identify items for future agendas** | Children's Programming<br>Summer Reading Program<br>Adult Programming update |
| **Adjournment** | Board Vice Chair Megan Sterling moved & Board member Diane Cantile seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.<br><br>The next meeting will be held on September 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Library Boardroom, 64 E. 1st Street. |

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Heather Wolf, Library Director signs for minutes