

# City of Mesa Library Advisory Board Meeting

**Date:** March 18<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Location:** Dobson Ranch Library - THINKspot



Agenda items	Presenter
1. Call to order	
2. Approval of January meeting minutes	
3. Public Comments During this time, citizens may comment on any appropriate subject not on the agenda. Comments are limited to 5 minutes per presenter. No formal action will be taken by the Board at this meeting.	
4. Introductions, Recognitions and Announcements	All
5. Education and Workforce Round Table Update   Read on Mesa   Family Resource Center	Sarah Tolar
6. Capital Improvement Project Presentation	Jesse Simms
7. Library Performance Measures	Tony Garvey
8. Directors Update	Polly Bonnett
9. Identify items for future agendas	All
Next meeting Dates	Polly Bonnett
Adjournment	

**Notes:**

# City of Mesa Education and Workforce Office

March 18, 2025

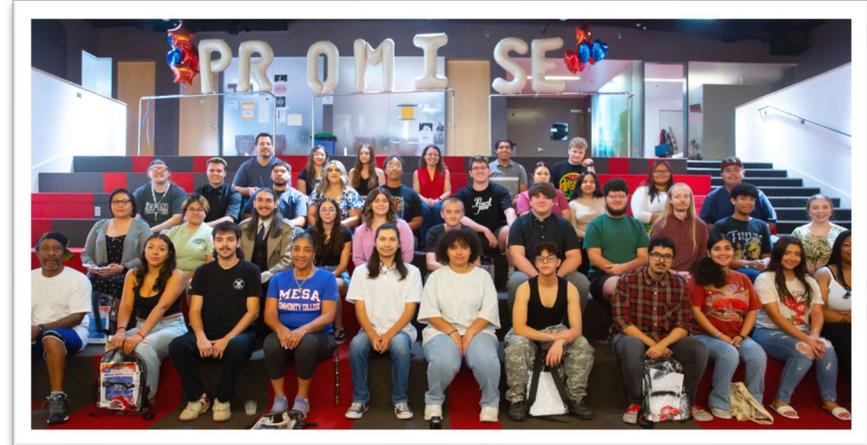
Sarah Tolar, Administrator

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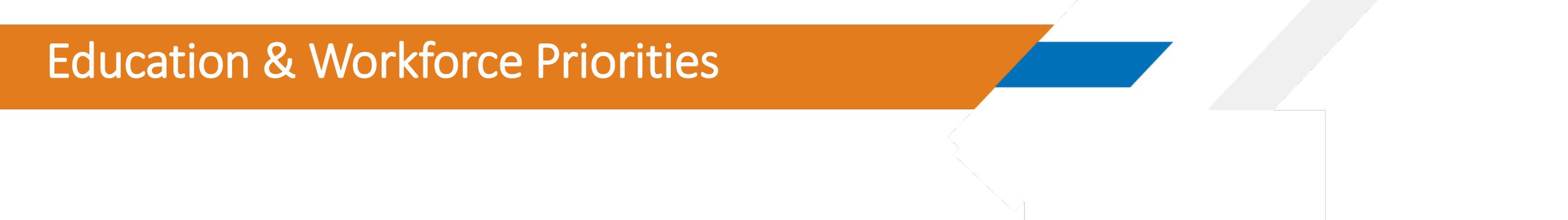


# Mesa Education and Workforce Office

Our **public purpose** is to build partnerships among our education, industry and community leaders plus resources to continue to enrich and advance education and workforce opportunities for Mesa's students and residents.



# Education & Workforce Priorities



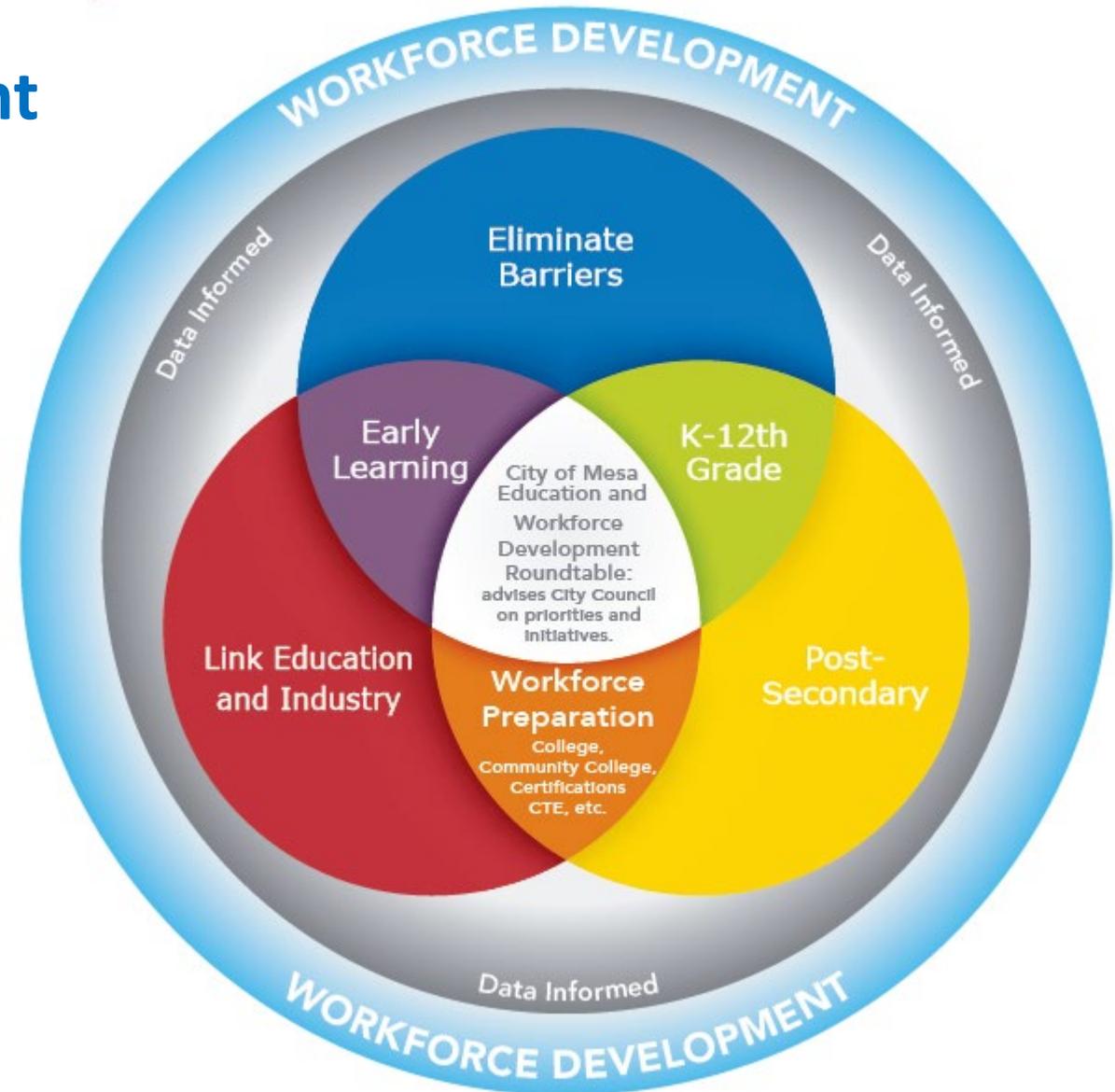
- Knowledge-informed **support**
- Identifying and filling **education** gaps and enrichment needs
- Identifying and supporting **workforce development** needs, access and opportunities
- Amplifying **partnerships and resources** to support education and workforce development, both internally and externally

# Education and Workforce Development Roundtable

The **purpose** and **mission** of the Education and Workforce Development Roundtable is to serve as a centralized body reporting to the City Council which will streamline and coordinate efforts to advance Mesa's education and workforce development goals.

- **Strategic Focus Areas:**

- Early Learning
- K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Workforce Development and Preparation



# Education and Workforce Development Roundtable Dashboard

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# Mesa Family Resource Center

## First Things First (FTF):

- Recognized leader and partner in Arizona for establishing a family-centered, equitable, high-quality early childhood system.
- Focus on supporting the development, health, well-being, and education of children, birth to age 5.

## Family resource centers are community hubs that provide:

- Flexible, family-focused, and culturally responsive information.
- Resources and referrals to various community services.
- Parenting activities covering a wide range of topics.
- Connections to information, resources, and services supporting optimal child development.



# APRIL 2025

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>31</b> Raising a Reader 10:30 - 11 AM Little Picasso 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Apr 1</b> Computot Digital Skills Builder Espanol 10AM - 12PM Zumbini 4 - 4:30 PM	<b>2</b> Infant Massage 10:30 - 11:30 AM Curious Learners 11 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>3</b> Parent Cafe - Bilingual 11 AM - 12 PM CLOSED 1-5 PD	<b>4</b> Little Picasso 11 AM - 12 PM	<b>5</b> 
<b>7</b> Raising a Reader Special Guest MPS Paws & Peers 10:00 - 11 AM Little Picasso 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>8</b> Computot Digital Skills Builder Espanol 10AM - 12PM	<b>9</b> Curious Learners 11 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>10</b> Community Links 12 - 12:45 PM	<b>11</b> Mesa Public Main Library Spring Book Sale @ MFRC CLOSED 1-5 PD	<b>12</b> Mesa Public Main Library Spring Book Sale @ MFRC
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**SEE PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS ON BACK OF THIS CALENDAR!**

Located at Mesa Public Library (lower level) at 64 E. 1st St. Mesa, AZ 85201

Mesa Family Resource Center offers a variety of FREE parent & child learning activities, resources, referrals & support for parents, families & caregivers with children ages birth to 5.

Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Closed daily from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

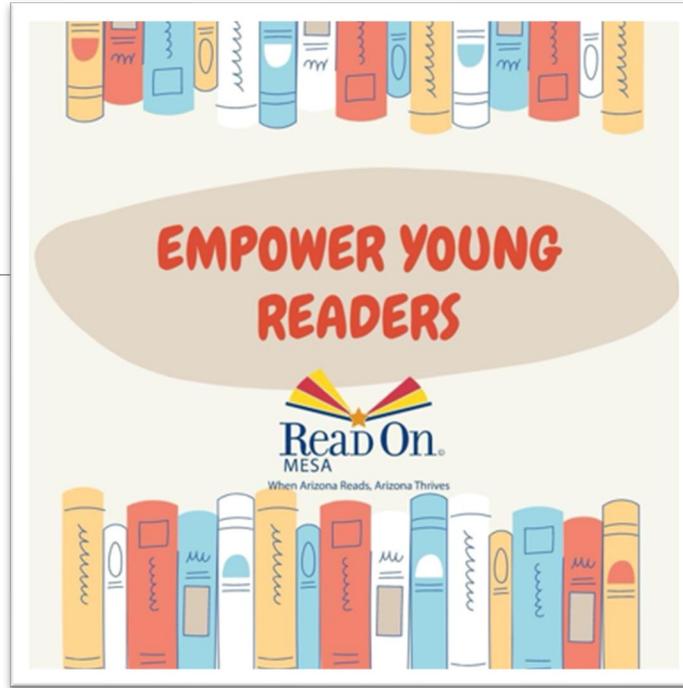
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**# FIRST THINGS FIRST**



When Arizona Reads, Arizona Thrives

**Collaborative Mission:** Promoting the importance and love of reading through accessible materials and programs that ensure Mesa's multi-generational readiness for school, career and community.



Mesa Public Library ✦ Southwest Human Development ✦ Mesa Public Schools ✦ Unite for Literacy  
Mesa Public Schools Foundation ✦ National Center for Families Learning ✦ i.d.e.a. Museum  
Mesa Chamber of Commerce ✦ Azura Literacy ✦ First Things First ✦ Read On Arizona ✦ Mesa Arts Center  
Arizona Museum of Natural History ✦ AARP Experience Corps ✦ Child Crisis Arizona ✦ Native Health  
Read Better Be Better ✦ Kids Need to Read ✦ Hands-on Phoenix ✦ Literacy Lab



A PROUD PROGRAM PARTNER OF  
**AARP** Foundation®  
**Experience Corps**

AARP Foundation Experience Corps is a community-based volunteer program that empowers people over 50 to serve as tutors to help students become better readers by the end of third grade. It is a proven “triple win,” helping students succeed, older adults thrive, and communities grow stronger.



# Fall 2025 Mesa College Promise



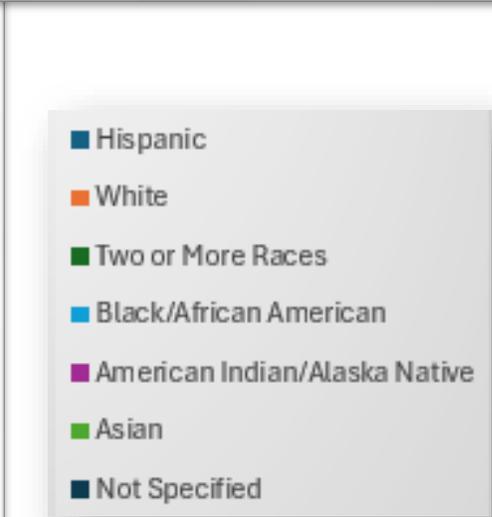
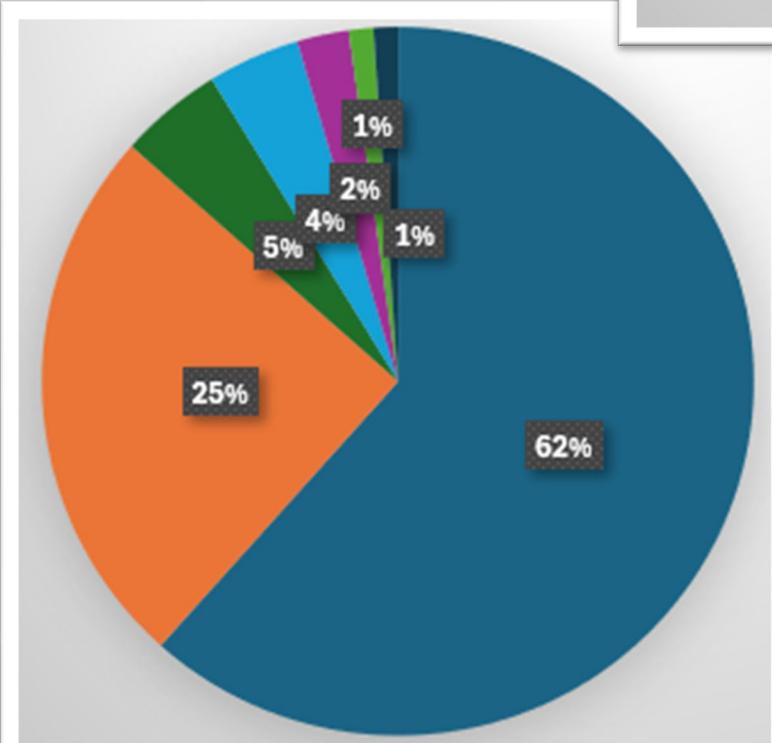
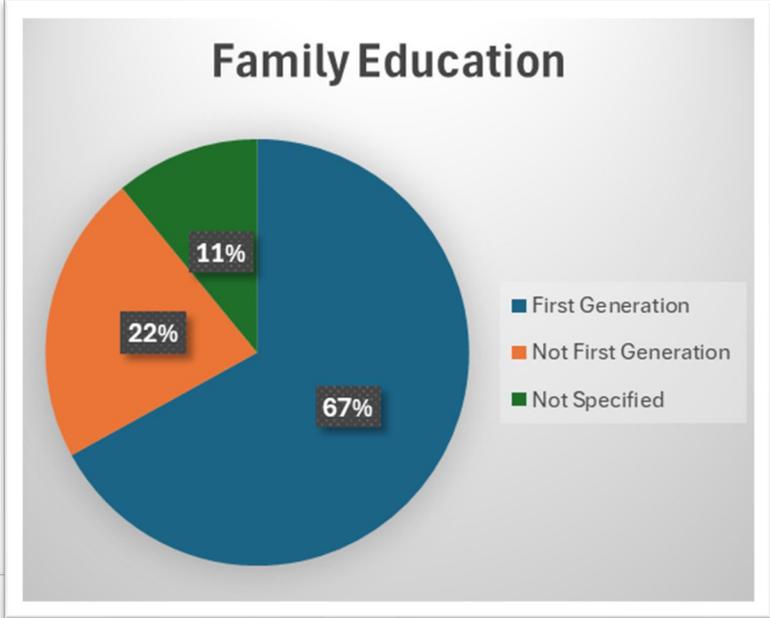
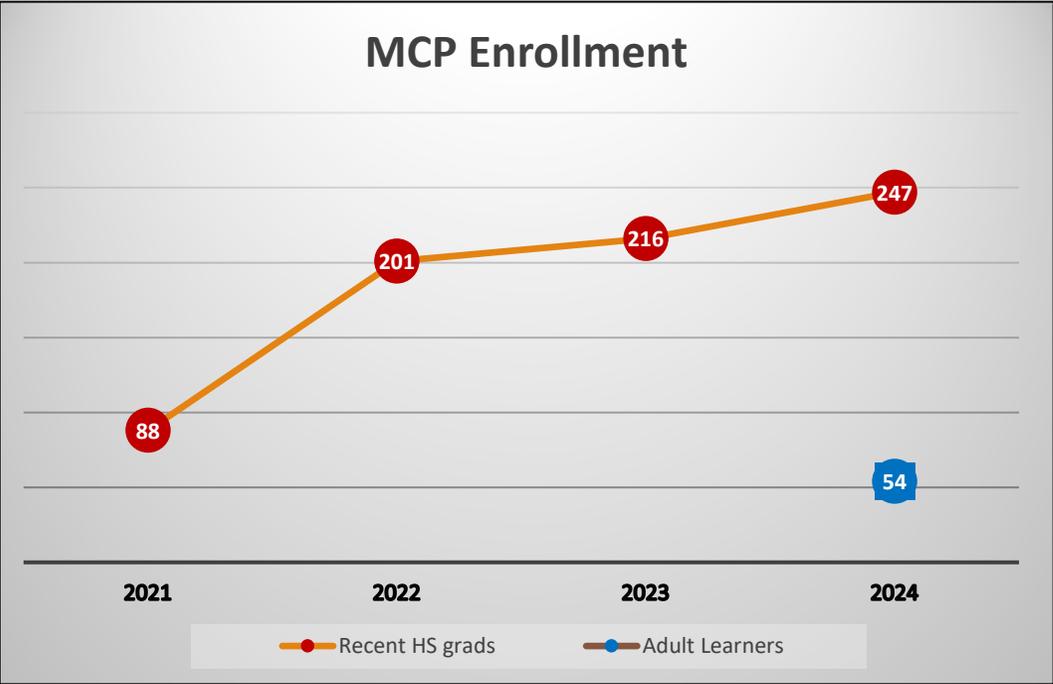
## 2-years tuition and fees covered at MCC

Mesa College Promise is a commitment from the City of Mesa to its residents that all eligible graduating Mesa high school students can attend Mesa Community College for two years with tuition and fees fully funded.

- Applications will be accepted beginning March 1, 2025 for Fall 2025.
- The priority deadline for applications is May 15, 2025.
- The final deadline for applications is June 15, 2025.

FAFSA + Scholarships + **Mesa College Promise** = **Fully Funded @ MCC**

# Mesa College Promise Enrollment





**Sarah Tolar – Education and Workforce Administrator**

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<https://www.mesaaz.gov/residents/education-workforce-office>



# Capital Improvement Program

## Library Services

Fiscal Year 2025/26

**Mesa Public Library** supports lifelong learning, empowers individuals, and strengthens the community.

**2023 – 2026 Priorities**

*Customer Experience*

*Community Literacy*

*Engagement and Access*

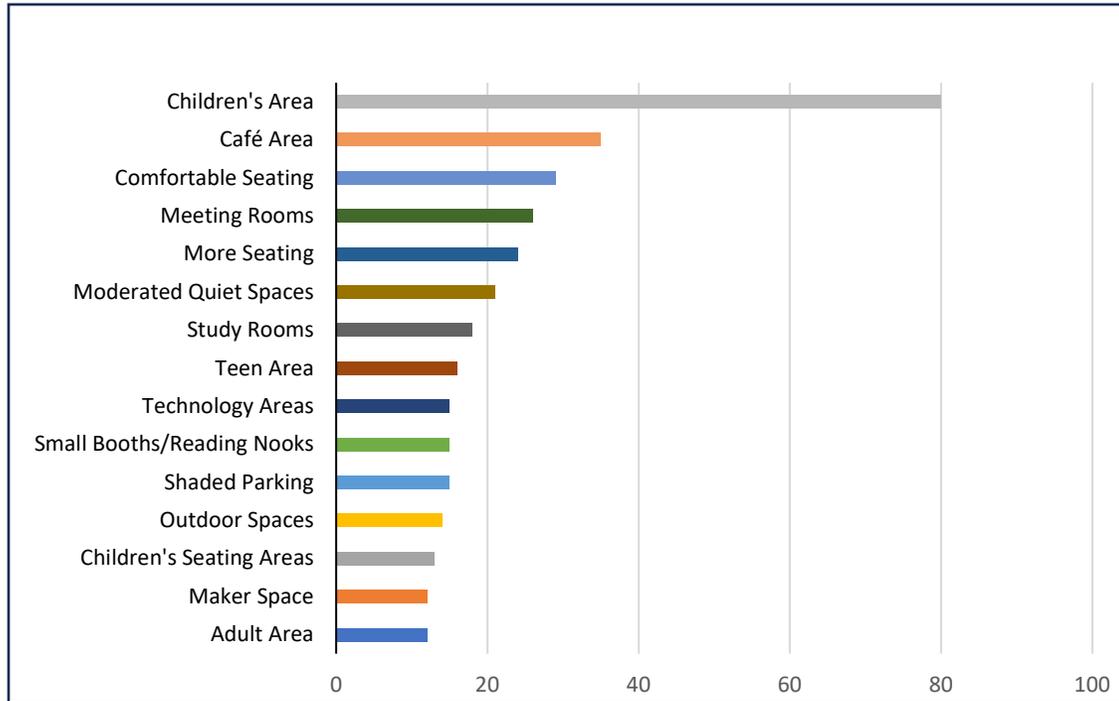
*Staff Support*

# Current Key CIP Projects – Under Construction

Project Name	Est. Cost	Est. Completion Date
Main Library HVAC	\$775,000	Fall 2025
Gateway Library	\$26,205,190	Winter 2025
DR Structural Repair Design	\$192,200	Winter 2025
DR Meeting Room Renovation	\$339,150	Winter 2025

# Capital Projects

# What building features would you like to see in the Mesa library space you use?



# Red Mountain Children's Room Remodel



## Capital Project Description

### Renovation of the Children's room at the Red Mountain Branch Library.

- Update the Children's area to house more books, shelving, active space and reading areas.
- Strengthen focus on digital and sensory literacy with designated spaces within the Children's room, using the newest educational technology.
- Install an interactive Art Experience that draws children and their families into a vibrant world of discovery.

### Total Project Costs

\$340,226

### Projected O&M Cost

Onetime: \$562,000    On-going: \$15,000

### Projected Start Date

Summer 2025



# Main Library – Storybook Park



## Capital Project Description

### Redevelopment of the north lawn of the Main Library.

- Create an activated space for children and families that enhances the library experience by incorporating features such as seating areas, outdoor reading spaces, easy access to Wi-Fi, and a background of native plants and trees.
- Provide a dynamic and inviting environment that encourages learning, relaxation, and community engagement, making it an integral part of the library's services and amenities.

**\*Currently in the Design Phase – MPL received \$50,000 design matching grant**

### Total Project Costs

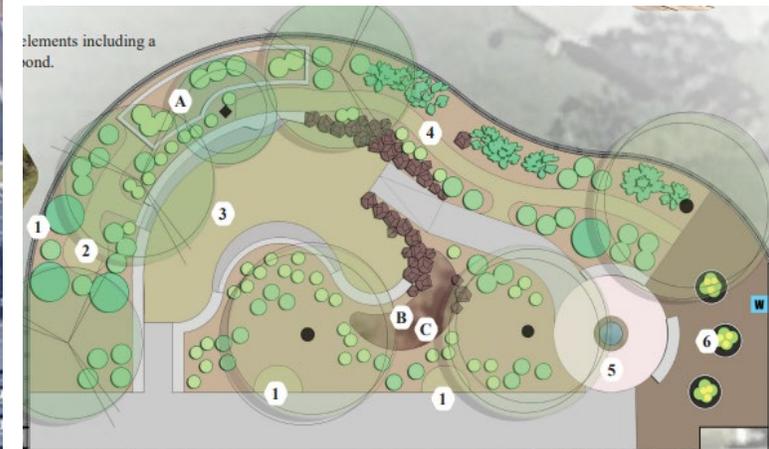
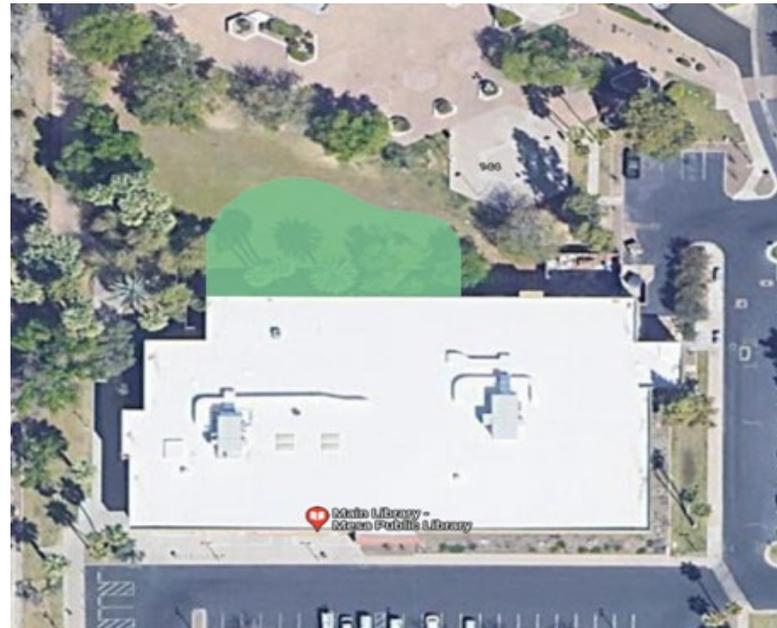
\$1,069,711

### Projected O&M Cost

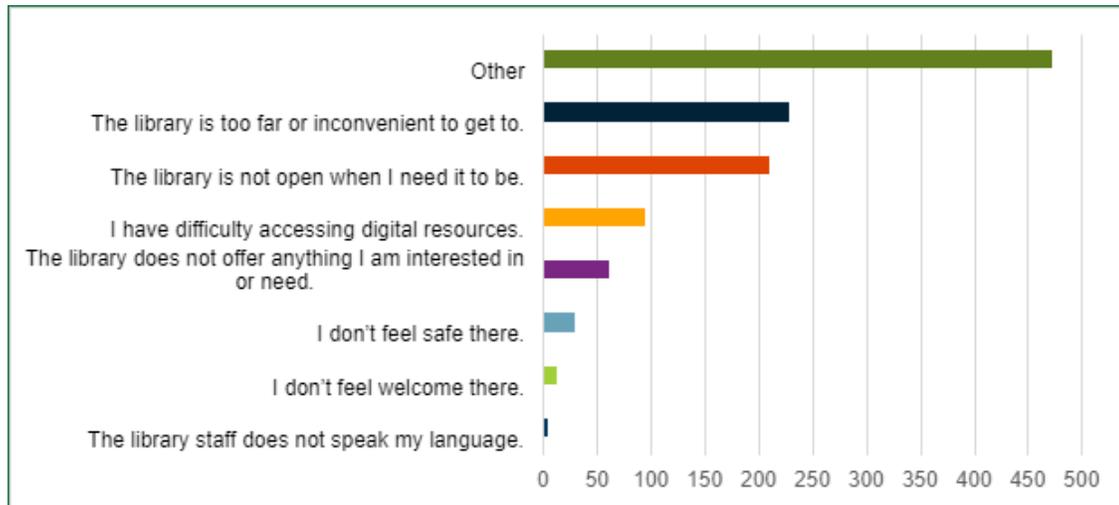
Onetime: \$350,000    On-going: \$15,000

### Projected Start Date

Winter 2025



# What are the barriers to using Mesa Library services for your household?

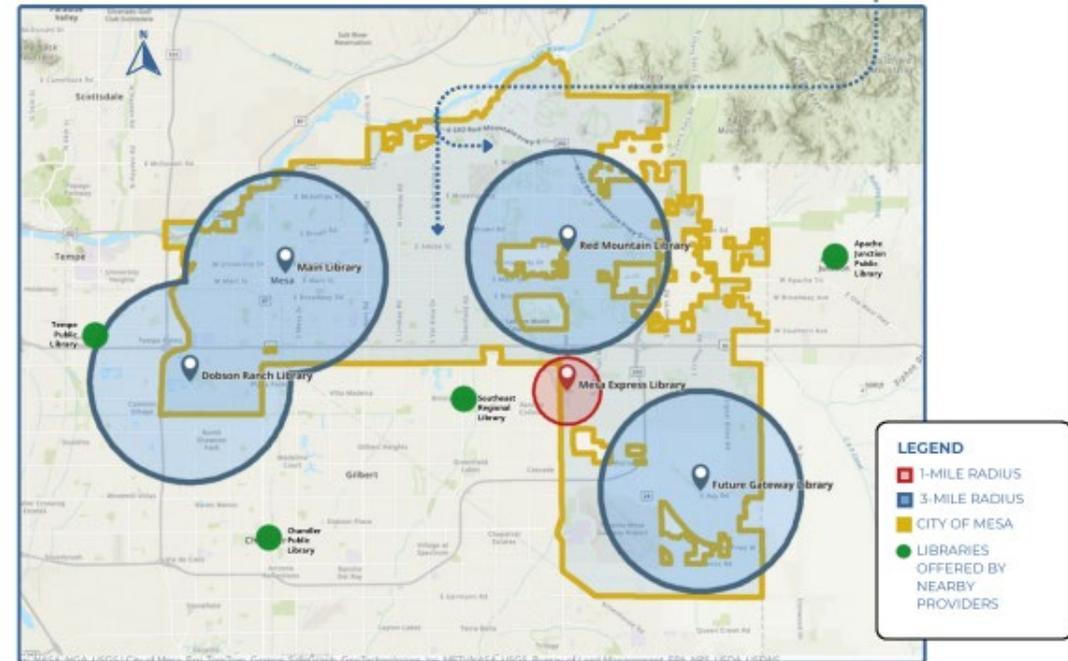


## SERVICE AREA

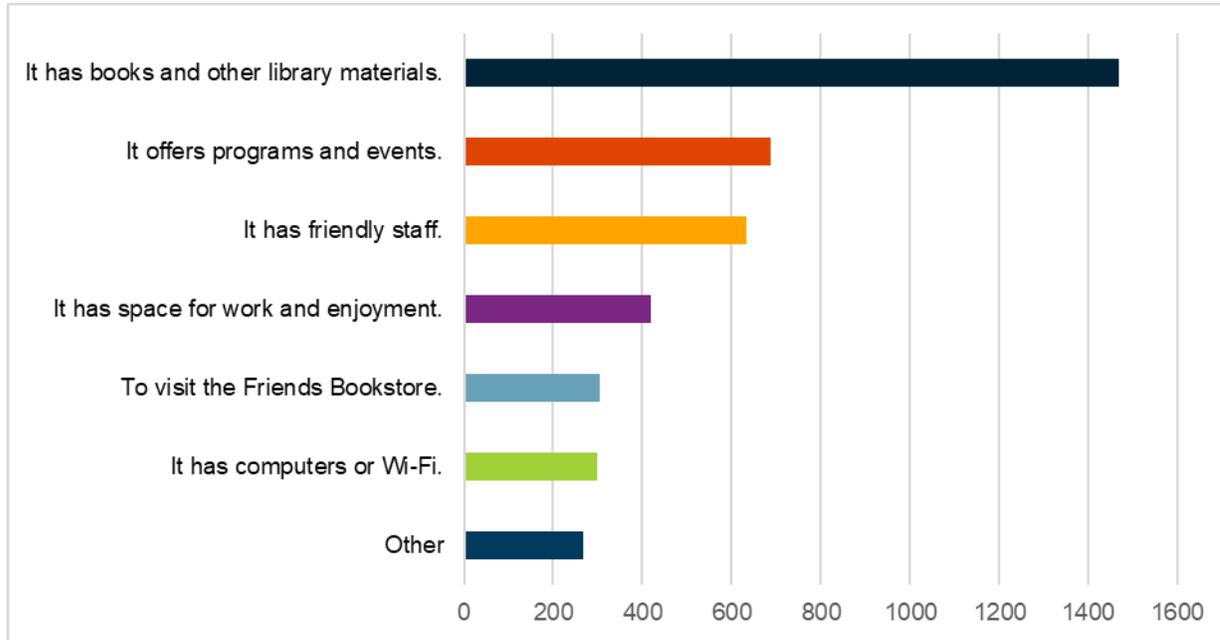
The City of Mesa had an estimated population of **521,604**

**28% = 147,555** residents do not live within a 3-mile radius, or roughly 10 minutes, of a library.

Service gaps are mapped below. Central/Northern Mesa appear to be most underserved.



# Why do you use the Mesa Public Library?



# Book Locker Expansion (2 Mesa Park locations)



## Project/Lifecycle Description

### Priority Order:

1. *Countryside Park*
2. *Gene Autry Park*
3. *Skyline Park*
4. *Riverview Park*

- (2) Hold lockers
- (1) .6FTE Part-time Mail and Delivery Worker
- Offers 24/7 access to hold pick-ups in underserved regions of Mesa, making access to reading materials more convenient to Mesa residents
- Book Lockers are designed for ease of use and will be conveniently located in each park

## Total Project Costs

\$404,700

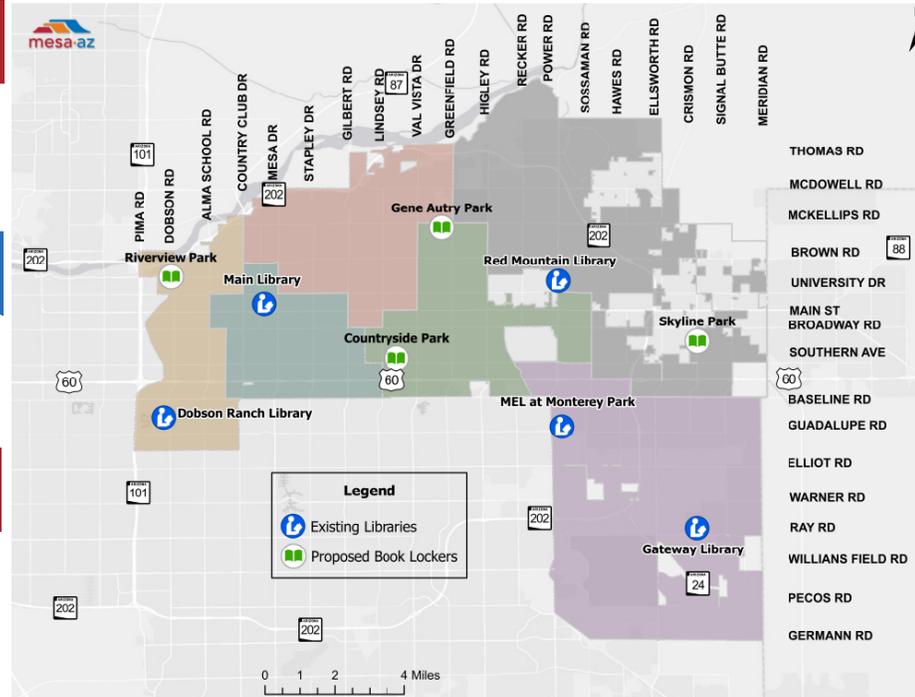
## Projected O&M Cost

Onetime: \$70,000

On-going: \$59,500

## Projected Start Date

Summer 2025



# Dobson Ranch Renovations



## Capital Project Description

### FY25/26 Request:

- FY25/26 – Structural Repairs \$1,190,800

### Future CIP Projects:

- FY28/29 – Family Restroom Remodel \$208,000 (funded)
- FY29/30 – Staff Breakroom Update \$587,200 (funded)

## Total Project Costs

\$1,190,800

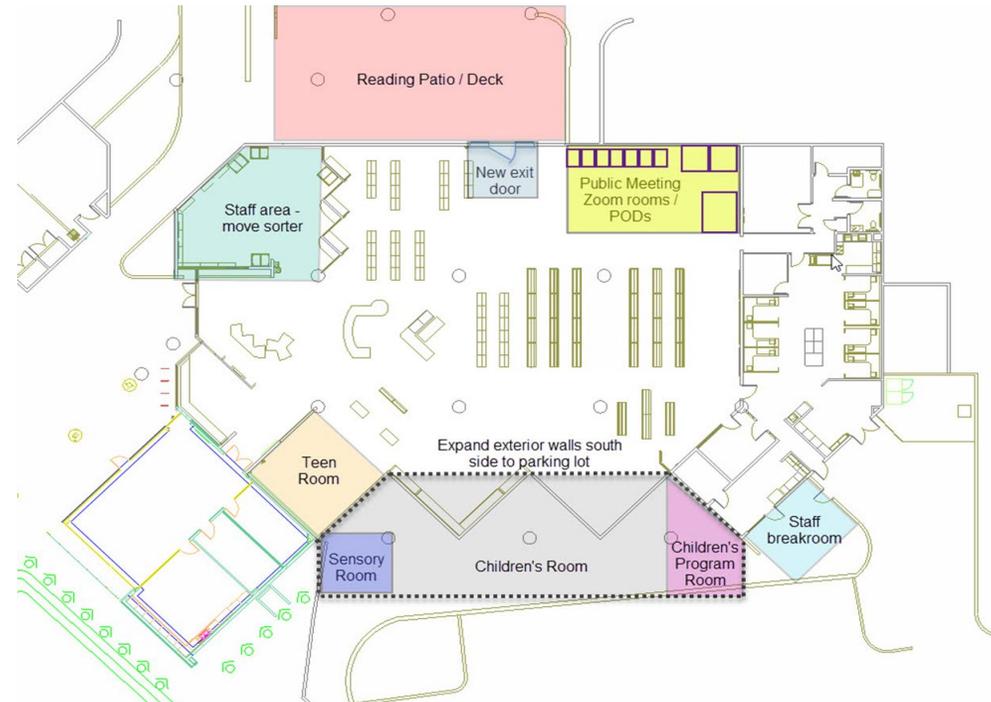
## Projected O&M Cost

Onetime: \$TBD

On-going: \$TBD

## Projected Start Date

Winter 2025



# Main Branch - Signage



## Project/Lifecycle Description

### Main Branch Upgrade Project

- Add MPL Logo to exterior of Main branch on SW corner of branch – Flush against wall
- New Paint is scheduled for 2025

### Total Project Costs

\$114,400

### Projected O&M Cost

Onetime: \$0

On-going: \$0

### Projected Start Date

Summer 2025



# Summary of Unfunded Projects



Project Priority	Project Name	Est. Cost
1	RM Children's Room Remodel	\$340,226
2	Storybook Park	\$1,069,711
3	Book Lockers	\$404,700
4	Dobson Ranch Renovations	\$1,190,800
5	Main Signage	\$114,400

# Questions