

City of Mesa Library Advisory Board Meeting

Date: January 17, 2022
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Main Library, Board Room
64 E. 1st Street
Mesa, AZ 85201

Members Present

Steven Miner, *Chair*
Ralph Wilson, *Vice Chair*
Jo Wilson
Jeff Clubb
Cindy Smith
Ellen Bachman

Staff Present

Polly Bonnett
Jesse Simms
Tenecia Philips
Tony Garvey
Anna Mathews
Brandon Williams
Nicole Lind
Carolyn Hale

Members Absent

Guests Present

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	Chair Member, Steven Miner, called the meeting for the City of Mesa Library Advisory Board to order at 5:31 p.m. on January 17, 2023.
Approval of November 15th meeting minutes	<p>The November 15th meeting minutes were moved by Cindy Smith and seconded by Ellen Bachman. Upon the tabulation of votes for the meeting minutes, the results showed:</p> <p>AYES – Miner, S. Wilson, J. Wilson, Clubb, Smith, and Bachman NAYS – None</p>
Public Comments	Board member, Ellen Bachman, thanked MPL for the water conservation links that were posted and sent out by MPL staff. Vice Chair, Ralph Wilson, shared his conversation with a former MPL patron who had utilized book club kits and wanted additional information on how book club kits are arranged. Library Director, Polly Bonnett shared that we have over 200 titles in our book kits and Librarian III, Nicole Lind, shared how to find the titles online and check availability. There were no public comments.
Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements	No recognitions or announcements.
Collection Development Policy	Librarian III, Nicole Lind, shared a presentation with the Library Advisory Board on MPL's collection guidelines. Nicole discussed how the "request for reconsideration" form has been updated online and the process streamlined to minimize steps, standardizing the approach. She highlighted the appeal process, sharing how during an official appeal of a decision, a committee lead by the Assistant Library Director will be formed consisting of 2 Board members and 2 Library staff members, to review the recommendation, and offer a final decision on the request.

AGENDA ITEM**DISCUSSION**

Ellen Bachman asked if MPL has received any appeals, and as of the Board meeting date, there have not been any appeals. Board member, Jo Wilson, asked about the number of request for reconsideration MPL receives vs MPS, and Polly explained that although we don't know the specific number of requests MPS has received, we do know that public school systems across the country have typically received more attention in the realm of book title selections than public libraries.

THINKspot Presentation

Librarian I, Carolyn Hale, shared an overview of the new THINKspot addition at Dobson Ranch. As a programming librarian at Dobson Ranch, Carolyn highlighted the equipment that will be inside the space (ie 3D Printer, silhouette cameo machine, glow forge, sewing, etc) and how the space will be programmed. She focused on the new addition being a creative makerspace for all users, where technology and art intersect. Ralph Wilson asked who the primary users of THINKspot are and Carolyn shared that many of our users are hobbieists and solo users interested in learning about the technology, and many of the programs we will have are at the school aged children level. Steven Miner shared that as a teacher, many of his students would enjoy a space like this and would like information on how get them engaged. Carolyn discussed the partnership we have with MPS and how we engage with students, and then Polly shared how a former THINKspot user was a student when she would visit the Red Mountain branch and has since grown up to work for NASA.

Library Director's Update

Library Director, Polly Bonnett, provided an update on the THINKspot grand opening taking place Wednesday, February 1st at the Dobson Ranch location, debuting the new THINKspot and façade improvements funded by the 2018 cultural bond. All of the Board is welcome to attend the ribbon cutting, and the open house for the space is taking place between 1-4pm. She also gave a high level overview of the budget process for FY23/24, discussed the budget presentations planned, and provided updates on the new City Council elected, Monterey Park library construction, and the groundbreaking for the SE Library this Summer. Polly also shared about the Management Development opportunities within MPL for employees looking to grow in their career and take on temporary higher level responsibilities for a temporary period of time. These opportunities are competitive for staff but still offer another way to gain additional experience in a temporary role.

Identify items for future agenda

Polly identified the Library's strategic plan and MPL's literacy initiative as future topics for discussion. No other items currently identified.

Next Meeting Dates

March 21st, 2023 – Main Branch Library Board Room

Adjournment

Board member Jo Wilson moved, and Cindy Smith seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm. Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Miner, S. Wilson, J. Wilson, Clubb, Smith, and Bachman

NAYS – None

The next meeting will be held on the 21st of March 2023 at 5:30 p.m in the Library Board Room at the Main branch Library.