

Action Minutes
Library Advisory Board Meeting
160 W Central Ave, Coolidge, AZ 85128
July 27, 2021

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Andrea Hille-Andrews at 6:05 p.m.

Attended in Person: Janell Alewyn
Monte Allen
Andrea Hille-Andrews
Brenda Mitchell
Kevin Todd

Absent: Linda Heath
Aalyanna Soto

Staff: Joyce Baker

Approval of Minutes

July minutes were distributed. Monte made a motion to approve the minutes and Kevin seconded the motion.

Library Manager Report

Joyce Baker presented the Library Managers Report. She highlighted several programs that the library offered during May and June.

- A. Children participated in a Drive-Thru Summer Learning Kickoff Party at Kenilworth Sports Complex. Community partners joined in the celebration. The attendance was encouraging considering that it only lasted one hour and was very hot.
- B. The library partnered with the Coolidge Chamber of Commerce to present the Grow with Google program, Reach Customers Online with Google in May. The library wanted to offer these programs in 2020 before being forced to close for the pandemic. There was good participation from Coolidge businesses as well as people from all over the country. The library will try to continue offering these programs 6 times a year as long as there is interest in them.
- C. Welcome Amanda Mattingly. She is starting as a Page in July. She is replacing Alexa who got a job closer to her home. The city extended the deadline on the Library Clerk position. The person will replace Chris at the front desk. The new deadline is July 23. Monte Allen commented on how well Amanda works with others. He has noticed her interaction with the public while at the library.

Business

1. *Discuss status of State Grant opportunities:* The library is actively working on five grants. A: Accessibility Grant – the equipment will be delivered this week to offer resources that will allow patrons with visual impairments expanded access to library services. B: Federal E-Rate Program through the Emergency Connectivity Grant will provide Wi-Fi hotspots that patrons can borrow so they can access the Internet from their home. C: Public Library Association Internship Grant – provides \$3500 so the library can hire a high school student for a summer internship. D: CARES Act Expanded Grant – paid for additional security cameras for the exterior of the library and two picnic tables that people can use outside to access the library's Wi-Fi. E: American Rescue Plan Act Grant – provides \$26,000 that will be used to purchase several solar powered park benches for the lot to the west of the library, furniture for the patio, additional listening devices for patrons with hearing loss, and editing software for creating video content.
2. *Update Summer Learning Program:* Full report of community participation in the Summer Learning Program will be distributed at the next meeting. However, the participation has been smaller this year than past years. The Friends funded the Back-to-School supply again this summer. All supplies have been distributed.
3. *Review 2021-2022 Library Budget:* The City provided an additional \$3900 for the books in the new budget. They also gave all full-time employees a 7% salary increase. The County budget remained level even though they have to fund the expenses for staffing and stocking the new San Tan Library.
4. *Discuss Future Library Services as Programs Move to In-Person:* The AZ Humanities Programs will go to in-person in the fall, probably October. However most of the other programs will begin meeting in-person in September.
5. *Discussion of any proposed service changes discussion:* There has been some interest in the library offering a Seed Library where people could borrow seeds. Then they would return seeds when their garden produced new ones. This has been a very popular program in libraries where it is offered. Space is a challenge. However the board discussed the possibility of offering periodic programs maybe in partnership with the Avocado Nursery where individuals could bring in their seeds for an exchange.

Call to the Board

Call to the Public

Next meeting date: September 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Monte moved to adjourn, Brenda seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.