

**CITY OF SURPRISE
Library Advisory Commission
16755 W Vereda Solana Dr
Surprise, Arizona 85387**

Thursday, April 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Asante Library

Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Chair Kady McCarthy, Vice-Chair Deborah Gentry, Commission members Jamie Baker, Jill Thomsen, Kevin Perry, Lillian Nieto and William Shields.

Absent: None

Staff: Kelsey Lamphier – Arts, Culture & Library Director and Heather Donaldson – Management Analyst Senior.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Staff Reports

Director Lamphier reported on the following items:

- It is National Library Week
- New library welcome brochures in Spanish and English have been created by our Marketing department and will be available at all three Surprise libraries
- The library ladybug science and ladybug release will be taking place at all three Surprise libraries (release ladybugs)
- The Star Party will be taking place at Asante Library on April 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- We just launched our seed library at Asante Library; we are partnering with Master Gardners out of UofA and City of Surprise Water Resource Management Department (xeriscape garden)

E. Library Commission Agenda

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS – NON PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Consideration and action pertaining to the March 14, 2024 Library Advisory Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Shields moved to approve the March 14, 2024 Library Advisory Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Perry 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion carried.

2. Presentation and discussion pertaining to the partnership between the Friends of the Surprise Libraries and the Surprise Public Library System

City Council Member Cline discussed the partnership between the Friends of the Surprise Libraries (Friends) and the Surprise Public Library System with the Commission. She addressed the following topics:

- Friends has been in existence since 2003.
- Friends are located in the lobby of the Surprise Regional Library.
- Friends has a bookstore and sells between 3,500 and 4,000 books a month.
- Books cost \$1.00.
- Friends supply Dysart Unified School District with books for the GED program
- Friends supply books for unhoused individuals.
- Friends supports DUSD and Nadaburg teachers and all Surprise Charter schools and Ottawa University – 42 school councils (books, materials, etc.)
- To date, \$846,000 has been contributed to the Surprise community by the Friends.
- Friends has a book sale every year where they make approximately \$3,000 - \$4,000 in a week.
- Friends has two scholarship programs with Ottawa University.
- Friends has 89 volunteers at this time (have had over 100 in the past).
- Friends has a volunteer appreciation event.

3. Presentation and discussion pertaining to the Summer Reading Program.

Tonya Stuempfl, Admin Librarian – Programming & Outreach, provided the Commission with a Summer Reading Program preview and discussed following items:

- 2023 Summer Reading Program
 - 8-week planning period
 - Kick-off party
 - Closing party
 - 180+ programs/events
 - 21 take and make kits (2520 given to patrons)
 - 197 prizes
- Summer Reading Program Historical Statistics
 - Surprise Regional Library
 - Asante Library
 - Hollyhock Library
- 2023 Summer Reading Program Survey Results

- Summer Slide
 - Studies show that kids lose significant knowledge in reading and math over summer break
 - Studies show that children in 3rd to 5th grades lose, on average, approximately 20% of their school-year gains in reading and 27% of their school-year gains in math during summer break
- 2024 Summer Reading Program
 - June 1 – August 1, 2024
 - www.maricopacountyreads.org
 - Age Groups
 - Pre-Reader (0-4 years)
 - Kids (5-11 years)
 - Teens (12-17 years)
 - Adults (18+ years)
 - 67 participating libraries
- 2024 Summer Partners
 - City of Surprise
 - Local Businesses
- 2024 Summer Reading Program Participant's Goal
- 2024 Summer Reading Program Goals
- 2024 Summer Reading Program Incentives
- 2024 Summer Reading Program Performers

F. Other Business and Future Agenda Items:

None

G. Current Events and Reports

- Vice Chair Gentry attended the AZ Speaks event where they passed out a corresponding reading list to the subject matter presented.
- Commissioner Perry advised that WHAM is starting a literacy program which will start with poetry readings (starts in a few weeks).
- Commissioner Nieto will be resigning from the Library Advisory Commission, and this will be her last meeting (she has accepted a position with the City of Surprise).

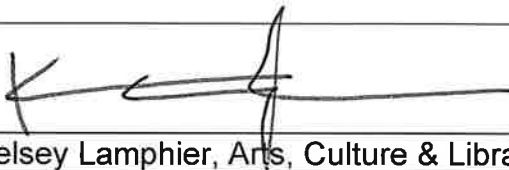
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. – Commissioner Perry made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Baker 2nd. 7 Yes votes. Motion Carried.

	 Kady McCarthy, Chair
ATTEST:	 Heather Donaldson, Management Analyst Sr.

CERTIFICATION:

I, Kelsey Lamphier, Director for the City of Surprise Arts, Culture & Library Department, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and correct minutes of the Library Commission meeting held on April 11, 2024

	 Kelsey Lamphier, Arts, Culture & Library Director
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