

Library Board Regular Meeting

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September 15, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.

Sunset Library, Computer Lab
4930 W. Ray Rd.
Chandler, AZ 85226
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Board Members

Michael McElhany
Arman Sidhu
Alexis Merritt
Jennifer Pawlik
Parker McCarthy
Faith Risolo
Melanie Dykstra

Pursuant to Resolution No. 4464 of the City of Chandler and to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Library Board and to the general public that the Library Board will hold a REGULAR MEETING open to the public on September 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., at Sunset Library, Computer Lab, 4930 W. Ray Rd. Chandler, AZ 85226. One or more Board Members may be attending by telephone.

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Library Board

Regular Meeting Agenda - September 15, 2026

Call to Order/Roll Call **6:30pm**

Unscheduled Public Appearances

Members of the audience may address any item not on the agenda. State Statute prohibits the Board or Commission from discussing an item that is not on the agenda, but the Board or Commission does listen to your concerns and has staff follow up on any questions you raise.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda may be enacted by one motion and one vote. If a discussion is required by members of the Board or Commission, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and determination will be made if the item will be considered separately.

1. May 19, 2026 Library Board Minutes **Approved 5-0**
Move Library Board to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 Library Board meeting.
2. May 19, 2026 Library and Recreation Master Plan Special Meeting Minutes
Move Library Board to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 Library and Recreation Boards Master Plan Special Meeting **Approved 5-0**

Briefing

3. **Library Manager's Report**

Discussion

4. Board member Dykstra would like to discuss Board Goals, Priorities, and Opportunities to Support Library Initiatives.

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

5. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Basha Library Program Room, 5990 S. Val Vista Dr. Chandler, AZ 85249.

6. The next Friends of the Library Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., in the Downtown Chandler Library, Copper Conference Room 254, 22 S. Delaware St. Chandler, AZ 85225.

Adjourn **7:24pm**



Library Board Community Services

Date: 09/15/2026
To: Library Board
From: Courtney Allen, Management Analyst
Subject: Chandler Library Board Minutes

Subject:
Chandler Library Board Minutes

Agenda Item Title:
May 19, 2026 Library Board Minutes

Proposed Motion:
Move Library Board to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 Library Board meeting.

Attachments

Library Board Minutes 5.19.26

Meeting Minutes

Library Board Regular Meeting

May 19, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.
Chandler Public Library
22 S. Delaware St. Chandler, AZ 85225



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Alexis Merritt at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Library Board Attendance

Board Chair Alexis Merritt
Board Vice-Chair Jennifer Pawlik
Board Member Arman Sidhu (Arrived at 6:10pm)
Board Member Michael McElhany
Board member Melanie Dykstra

Library Board Members Absent

Board Member Parker McCarthy
Board Member Faith Risolo

Library Board Attendance

Rachelle Kuzyk, Library Manager
Courtney Allen, Management Analyst
Christopher McGinley, Library Senior Administrator
Caryn Nall, Library Administrator

Others Present

None

Consent Agenda

1. March 17, 2026 Library Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Board Vice-Chair Pawlik. Board Member McElhany seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Briefing

2. Library Manager's Report – Rachelle Kuzyk

The Library Manager's Report was provided to the Library Board in advance of the meeting for Board Member's review.

Rachelle informed the Board of several recent staffing changes. Christopher McGinley has assumed the role of Downtown Library Senior Branch Administrator. Katherine Silva was selected to fill the Basha Branch Administrator position. Brittany Parkhouse transferred from Downtown Youth Supervisor to Basha Youth Supervisor, and Gregory Mason, an external candidate, was hired as the new Downtown Youth Supervisor.

Board Member Dykstra inquired about the reclassification of the Downtown Branch Administrator position. Rachelle explained that a request was submitted to Human Resources to reclassify the position in recognition of the additional responsibilities associated with managing the Downtown Branch, which is significantly larger than the other three branches and oversees a larger staff. Rachelle further noted that the Downtown Branch manages several system-wide and county initiatives. These include administration of the MAX interlibrary loan system for the Maricopa County Library District, coordination of the courier service that transports materials between branches, oversight of a dedicated courier position unique to the Downtown Branch, and management of on-site security services, including a full-time security officer. These additional responsibilities, many of which have been added within the past 12 to 18 months, have elevated the position to a higher level of management responsibility.

Board Chair Merritt asked Chris McGinley whether he plans to introduce any new or existing ideas from Basha to the Downtown Library. Chris responded that his current focus is on learning the downtown library's culture and ensuring that he is fully acclimated to his new role before implementing any changes or introducing programs from other branches. He added that he anticipates the new Youth Librarian will bring fresh ideas and programming opportunities once he has settled into his position.

Board Member Dykstra inquired about the aesthetic and furniture selection process for the Hamilton Library remodel. Rachelle explained that interior designers from Goodmans Interior Structures, a city-contracted vendor, assisted with selecting furnishings appropriate for the Hamilton Library's audience. Because Hamilton serves a high school population, the furniture needed to be both appealing to teens and durable enough to withstand heavy daily use.

Rachelle noted that the library has adopted a consistent branding theme that will be reflected across several library assets, including the bookmobile, library lockers, and the Hamilton Library. The design incorporates a gradient color palette with doodle-style graphic elements, featuring combinations of oranges, yellows, purples, and blues. These colors influenced the furniture and design selections at Hamilton, including the prominent use of yellow furnishings and the acrylic feature near the Storytime Room. Rachelle added that the library also consulted with two additional library furniture vendors before making its final selections. Goodmans' recommendations were ultimately chosen due to their expertise, competitive pricing, and status as an approved city vendor. While acknowledging that the furnishings represent a significant investment, Rachelle emphasized that comfort, durability, and functionality were key

considerations. The commercial-grade furniture was selected to provide a safe, comfortable environment for patrons while withstanding the demands of a high-use high school setting.

Board Member McElhany inquired whether statistics are available regarding checkouts from the Discovery Library Bookmobile. Rachelle explained that while the Discovery Library maintains a relatively small collection, circulation is not its primary purpose. Rather, the Discovery Library serves as an outreach and advocacy tool, helping promote library services and connect with underserved communities. She noted that patrons do check out materials during visits. Rachelle stated that she would provide the Board with Discovery Library circulation statistics.

The Board asked whether materials checked out from the Discovery Library must be returned there or can be returned to any library branch. Rachelle responded that patrons may return materials to any library location. However, unlike the general collection, Discovery Library materials do not float between branches. Items returned to another branch are routed back to the Discovery Library, where they remain until staff refresh the collection and rotate materials as needed.

The Board also inquired about the size of the Discovery Library collection. Rachelle responded that the collection initially consisted of approximately 2,500 items. Not all materials are displayed on the shelves at one time, as a portion of the collection is kept in storage. This allows staff to replenish materials as needed, particularly at stops with high circulation, such as those serving large numbers of children. Rachelle noted that the collection includes materials for a variety of audiences and interests, including large print books, Spanish-language materials, and seasonal titles. The Discovery Library also offers a small seed library and Culture Passes.

The Board also inquired about the number of library cards being issued through the Discovery Library. Rachelle stated that she would provide those statistics to the Board.

Board Chair Merritt inquired about the Discovery Library's summer schedule and upcoming events. Rachelle explained that the Discovery Library regularly visits the Tumbleweed Recreation Center and Park; however, activity typically slows during the summer months because fewer community events are held due to the extreme heat.

Rachelle noted that Discovery Library stops are advertised on the library's website and are categorized as either open or closed stops. Open stops are public locations, such as Tumbleweed Recreation Center and Park, where any community member may visit and use the Discovery Library's services. Closed stops are scheduled for specific organizations or groups, such as the Boys & Girls Club, and are available only to participants of those programs during the designated visit.

Board Chair Merritt inquired whether another library locker is planned. Rachelle responded that the existing locker was funded by the Friends of the Library. At this time, the library does not have the appropriation authority to accept additional funding from the Friends for another locker. She noted that approval has been received for future appropriation authority, which would allow the library to accept additional funding going forward. However, at present, no new library locker is planned.

Chris McGinley informed the Board that all staff are currently completing autism training to enhance their knowledge and better support all community members who visit the library. He noted that Recreation staff are already certified, allowing library staff to participate alongside them during their recertification training.

Board Member Dykstra inquired whether the library has an art hanging program. Rachelle responded that in general, most public art displayed across the library system is coordinated through the Vision Gallery partnership. Through this partnership, artwork is selected and curated for display in library spaces. She noted that this is the primary source of public art in the libraries, with some exceptions. At the Basha Library, certain artwork was staff-initiated and created internally for display. Additionally, the Sunset Library has collaborated with Corona High School to feature student artwork, including a student gallery and a series of exhibits accompanied by a family gallery night.

Board Member Dykstra inquired what kind of relationship does the Library Board have with the Friends of the Library (FOL). Is there any interaction, are there any joint meetings, or any options for interaction. Rachelle responded that we have a staff liaison whose primary function is working with the volunteers and with the FOL. The FOL is a completely separate 501c3 charitable organization, so they accept all the book and art donations then either turn around and sell it in the bookstore here downstairs, or on online book sales. The volunteers work in a variety of capacities, from researching the value of the titles that are donated to packaging them up after they've been sold, stocking and cleaning up the book sale downstairs. We also have a relationship with them with the operation of the cafe downstairs. The cafe space and all of the cafe equipment that is in that space belongs to the library. The games that are in that game cafe were donated through Alexis making contact with some game vendors and publishers, and the FOL donated funds to get the game collection started. They also purchase the food inventory for sale in the café.

Board Member Dykstra inquired whether the library submits specific funding requests to the Friends of the Library. Rachelle responded that the library does make formal annual funding requests and also have the ability to submit off-cycle requests as needed.

Members Comments / Announcements

None.

Unscheduled Public Appearances

None

Calendar

3. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sunset Library Monsoon Room, 4930 W Ray Road Chandler, AZ 85226
4. The next Friends of the Library Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., at the Basha Library 5990 S Val Vista Drive Chandler, AZ 85249

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Board Member McElhany, Board Member Sidhu seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m.

Courtney Allen, Board Liaison

Alexis Merritt, Board Chair



Library Board Community Services

Date: 09/15/2026
To: Library Board
From: Courtney Allen, Management Analyst
Subject: Library and Recreation Master Plan Special Meeting Minutes

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Agenda Item Title:

May 19, 2026 Library and Recreation Master Plan Special Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion:

Move Library Board to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 Library and Recreation Boards Master Plan Special Meeting

Attachments

Library and Recreation Master Plan Special Meeting Minutes 5.19.26

Meeting Minutes

Library Board and Parks and Recreation Board Master Plan Special Meeting

May 19, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.

Chandler Public Library

22 S. Delaware St. Chandler, AZ 85225



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Library Board Chair Alexis Merritt at 6:43 p.m.

Roll Call

Library Board Attendance

Board Chair Alexis Merritt
Board Vice Chair Jennifer Pawlik
Board Member Michael McElhany
Board Member Arman Sidhu
Board Member Faith Risolo (Remote)

Library Board Members Absent

Board Member Parker McCarthy

Parks and Recreation Board Attendance

Board Chair James Montgomery
Board Member Lynette Bradley
Board Member Julie Trujillo
Board Member Sarah Sharits (Remote)
Board Member Sue McInturf (Arrived at 6:51pm)

Parks and Recreation Members Absent

Board Vice Chair John David
Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy

Staff Attendance

John Sefton, Community Services Director
Corey Povar, Assistant Community Services Director
Katie Gaul, Engineer
Rachelle Kuzyk, Library Manager
Erika Berry, Recreation Superintendent
Courtney Allen, Library Management Analyst
Caryn Nall, Library Branch Manager
Chris McGinley, Library Branch Manager

Staff Attendance Cont.

Katherine Silva, Library Branch Manager

Brandon Putman, Parks Maintenance & Operations Superintendent

Others Present

Jason Genck, BerryDunn

James (JR) Clanton, BerryDunn

Unscheduled Public Appearances

None

Briefing Followed by Discussion

1. Project PR2503.01 Recreation and Library Strategic Master Plan

1. Planning Process Update

Introductions were made by members of both the Library Board and the Parks & Recreation Board, as well as city staff, and BerryDunn consultants.

Library Manager Rachelle Kuzyk and Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Corey Povar provided an update on the planning process and reviewed the approximately two months of work completed to date. They shared an overview of the project, including the purpose of the planning effort and the reasons behind it. The meeting also provided board members with an update on the outreach and communication materials that will soon be distributed throughout the community. They emphasized that the success of the master plan engagement process depends on collaboration among the boards, city staff, BerryDunn, and the community to ensure residents have the opportunity to share their input. The boards were asked to assist with community engagement efforts and help connect the project team with residents within their networks and circles.

Jason Genck serves as the primary point of contact between BerryDunn, city staff, and all subconsultants. James “JR” Clanton serves as the Assistant Project Manager with BerryDunn. They introduced themselves and reiterated the importance of the Library and Parks and Recreation Board members’ assistance in reaching community members throughout the city. They also explained that several subconsultants will contribute to different aspects of the project. Richard Kennedy will provide expertise related to libraries, Jeff Velasquez with J2 Design has worked on numerous city projects, and ETC Institute will lead the statistically validated community survey process. BerryDunn consultants also recently spent an hour and a half presenting to City Council.

2. General Engagement Overview

BerryDunn consultants presented an overview of the project and its goals. The project aims to create a 10-year vision for the city's library and recreation system; analyze current and future community needs; conduct robust public engagement; optimize existing facilities; and identify opportunities for adaptive reuse and facility improvements. Another key objective is to meet or exceed national standards and achieve Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) accreditation.

CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation program for park and recreation agencies and serves as a recognized measure of operational quality, management, and service to the community. The accreditation process promotes quality assurance and continuous improvement by strengthening organizational infrastructure, increasing operational efficiency, and demonstrating accountability to the public. Implementation of CAPRA standards also strengthens teamwork among agency staff, embeds best practices into the organization's culture, and fosters a long-term commitment to continuous improvement. Achieving CAPRA accreditation demonstrates that an agency provides the highest level of service to its community.

JR Clanton provided an update on the current status of the process and the upcoming project timeline. The project is currently in the Project Management and Coordination, Public Input, Outreach, and Engagement phase, which is expected to be completed in August. The next phases will include Data Collection and Analysis in September, Visioning in November, and completion of the Draft and Final Plan along with the Implementation Strategy in January 2027.

The BerryDunn consultants shared that they attended a birthday party and visited the Chandler Senior Center to engage with residents and gather feedback. They reported an approximately 99% participation rate and noted that community members were very willing to share their thoughts and perspectives.

The consultants emphasized that successful public engagement must be multifaceted and include a variety of outreach methods rather than relying on a single survey or engagement strategy. Their approach includes planned focus groups, pop-up engagement events, statistically validated surveys, public meetings, interactive website tools, social media outreach, virtual meetings, and stakeholder and key leader interviews.

Their goal is to hear from a broad range of people, including different demographics, users and non-users, and residents from all areas of the city throughout the engagement process. They also explained that if they identify gaps in participation from certain groups, they adjust their outreach efforts to ensure those voices are included.

3. Data Collection and Analysis Approach

Jason Genck explained that the consulting team will evaluate access to facilities and community spaces to identify existing or potential gaps in service where residents may or may not have adequate access. This assessment is referred to as a Level of Service Analysis.

The process will include reviewing facility inventories, observing how spaces are currently being used, and interacting with staff during programming activities. The consultants will also evaluate usage patterns and develop ideas, based on community engagement and data analysis, for how these spaces could potentially be used differently or more effectively in the future.

Their analysis will also include programs and services. They want to better understand how programs relate to facilities, including visitation trends, types of interactions, collections, and overall usage. This information will help identify trends, such as programs that may no longer be as successful as they were 10 years ago. The consultants will also conduct benchmarking analyses, which can create meaningful conversations within organizations about whether certain services or programs should be expanded, modified, or discontinued. Benchmarking and programming assessments are also part of the CAPRA certification process.

BerryDunn consultants emphasized that everyone's input is essential. They will provide informational materials, collateral, and electronic communications that can easily be shared throughout community networks. The 90-day engagement window is currently open, giving residents and stakeholders a unique opportunity to help inform the future of recreation and library services in Chandler. The consultants encouraged board members and staff to help connect the planning team with community organizations and residents.

4. Board Perspectives and Engagement Activity

Library Board Member McElhany inquired about the types of trends the consultants would be tracking. Jason Genck provided examples, such as libraries evolving to focus more on community services and community centers or senior centers transitioning into multi-generational centers. Board Member McElhany also referenced recent school closures as an example of potential facility partnership opportunities rather than constructing new facilities.

The Assistant Parks and Recreation Director asked how the team plans to reach non-users, noting that this is one of the department's biggest challenges and an area where they will rely heavily on the consulting team. Jason Genck responded that their team uses creative outreach strategies and leverages multilingual staff to connect with the community. Examples included mobile chalkboard stations and outreach events held at breweries.

A board member asked what the consultants' expectations would be when attending locations such as restaurants or churches, specifically whether they would require time to speak or present.

Examples of outreach ideas included placing coasters with QR codes at breweries or BerryDunn purchasing drinks for attendees in exchange for community input regarding recreation and library services.

The consultants asked the Board Members to break into groups of three at separate tables. The first discussion focused on why they chose to serve and why they chose to live in Chandler. The groups were then asked to discuss the biggest gaps or challenges facing the library and recreation system, as well as the aspects they believe are working well. Board Members were encouraged to share perspectives both from their own experiences and from the viewpoints of their peers.

The meeting slide deck was available to all meeting attendees.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46p.m.

Courtney Allen, Board Liaison

Alexis Merritt, Library Board Chair



Library Board Community Services

Date: 09/15/2026
To: Library Board
From: Courtney Allen, Management Analyst
Subject: **Library Manager's Report**

Overview

Welcome back!

Summer 2026 was incredibly busy at Chandler Public Library, as you'll read from the branch updates below. Huge kudos to all of our programming and customer service staff, and volunteers, for engaging with so many patrons during the annual summer reading challenge. The displays and decorations in our libraries were fantastic and created a fun environment for learning, playing, and connecting for readers of all ages.

CPL is integrating sensory-friendly technology, play tables and manipulatives, and sensory kits at all four locations, and the Discovery Library will also have a sensory kit on board. This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. CPL was awarded \$29,750, and the Friends of Chandler Public Library generously matched these funds. Our initial delivery of equipment arrived damaged, so replacements have been ordered, and we expect full installation by the end of September.

The Master Plan process continues with ongoing community engagement and data collection. Once complete, it will help to inform CPL's next Plan of Service, which we expect to develop throughout 2027.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, so encourage everyone to visit us to enjoy the many benefits of our wonderful library system.

Branch Updates

Basha Branch

- Basha has several new programs coming this fall, including a partnership with Chandler-Gilbert Community College for a program focused on personal privacy in the world of AI.
- Our Youth Librarian, Britt, is starting a new Sensory Storytime series. This inclusive storytime is designed for children ages 3–5 and focuses on reducing sensory overload and overstimulation so that all children can comfortably participate in library programming.
- We are also partnering with Basha students to offer an interactive engineering challenge program geared toward teens.
- The Summer Reading Challenge was a big success! Basha saw a 3% increase in finishers from 2025 to 2026, with an overall finisher rate of 61%.

Downtown Branch

- Our Otis Spunkmeyer cookie oven went down early in August, which halted warm-cookie sales in the café. We're back up and running after receiving a new oven via our cookie supplier.
- We had a great turnout for our Poets & Troubadours program, which combined spoken word, history and live music to explore the poetry scene of 1950s Los Angeles. A unique and engaging program!
- We are bringing a social worker intern onboard. We're excited to explore this new resource with our Chandler community.
- We held our first after-hours program with Silent Read at the Library. We have two more planned; a family board game night in September and a community bread-making program with an ASU presenter in October.
- We're gearing up for Contigo in October. We're partnering with the Tempe History Museum, Chandler High School students, and Ballet Folklórico to celebrate and honor our Chandler Latino community!

Hamilton Branch

- We received our new shelving for the teens, juvenile nonfiction, holds, and children's picture book areas.
- The LED lighting upgrade is complete, making the library noticeably lighter and brighter.
- Summer reading was a tremendous success, with excellent attendance at our programs. Our teen volunteers are a valuable asset in helping patrons sign up and awarding prizes.
- We began the new school year on July 15. We are pleased to report that both students and the public are enjoying our new study rooms and the library's beautiful renovations.

- On October 10, we are looking forward to hosting our Open House/Grand Re-Opening, featuring a Quinceañera Fashion Show and Musical Fiesta. This promises to be a fun and exciting community event that we hope everyone will attend.
- On November 6, we will host our Diwali Program. We are pleased to offer our teen volunteers an opportunity to share their culture and traditions with the community. This wonderful event celebrates and supports the diversity of our community.

Sunset Branch

- We are recruiting for a Part-time, temp Library Assistant position, vacated by Leanne's promotion and relocation to Downtown.
- We are hosting a Social Work intern, the first of a five-year agreement with NAU.
- We are introducing a new Jr. Ghost Hunting League, and an After School Art Club program.
- Regular programming continues with strong attendance and interest and our new Puzzle & Connect program has been well attended.
- We will be partnering with the Vision Gallery to display art at Sunset Library, beginning with a Quilt exhibit in the Fall.

Outreach

- The Discovery Library spent much of the summer in Ohio having warranty work taken care of, including the installation of a new wheelchair lift.
- The Discovery Library returned on Aug 18 and will resume normal operations the week of Aug 31.
- During June, we took the Discovery Library to 23 stops and interacted with 597 people.
- During July & August, we did 24 outreach events, and interacted with 1,525 people. Including three CUSD back-to-school nights (Frye, Galveston, Hartford) and two Mesa back-to-school nights (Sirrine, Franklin Jordan).
- The outreach staff has set a goal of getting every first-grader in Chandler signed up for a Chandler Library card before the end of the 26/27 school year.

Collections and Statistics

Active Cardholders

June 1, 2026	74,643
July 1, 2026	75,166
August 1, 2026	75,341

Physical Item Checkouts

May 2026	107,698
June 2026	125,395
July 2026	116,084

CloudLibrary Checkouts

May 2026	20,798
June 2026	20,425
July 2026	20,707

MCLD MAX Usage

May 2026	195 Loaned, 240 Borrowed 0.81 L/B
June 2026	154 Loaned, 257 Borrowed 0.60 L/B
July 2026	178 Loaned, 244 Borrowed 0.73 L/B

Programming

June - August 2026 Summary

- Summer Reading Challenge 2026 was our highest yet in participation numbers. We had 13,660 individuals participate, with over 7,700 complete the challenge (goal exceeded!). This is a 57 percent finish rate, which was the highest among the larger library systems in Maricopa County.
- During Summer Reading Challenge we held over 400 programs with 19,300 people attending those programs, between June 1 to July 20, 2026.
- We began several fall series, including an AI education series for adults, Reading Buddies at Hamilton (pairing teens with youth to assist in reading), a new Nature of Things speaker series in collaboration with the Chandler Nature Center, and a new 15-week series Adult English Learning level 1 class started strong with 17 students.
- There were 59 Talk Time sessions during June/July/August, with an attendance of 412 so far.

Systemwide/ Signature Events Coming in September – October

- Chandler Contigo- Annual Hispanic heritage programming runs through Mid-October, in conjunction with City of Chandler Connection & Impact Division. Visit [Chandler Contigo](#) for more information. Signature programs will occur at each branch, including Chilean Folklore Showcase at Basha on September 26; Puerto Rican Showcase with the Carlos Rivas Trio at Sunset on September 29; Quinceañera Fashion Show & Musical Fiesta at Hamilton on October 10; and the Contigo Finale Fiesta at Downtown on October 17.
- We have a variety of Fall after-school enrichment opportunities around the system for kids ages 6-12, including STEAM programs, art, drama, music, book discussion groups, tutoring for youth, and Reading Buddies.
- Downtown hosts a weekly Spanish conversation program called Hablemos Juntos! as well as a 7-week Beginners Spanish series that will begin in October.
- Citizenship Workshop begins in October for the fall sessions.
- Halloween is always a fun season with a great line up of themed events for all ages around the system in October.

Information Technology

- The Library's public internet connection was upgraded from 1 Gbps to 3 Gbps. Internal network connections between Library facilities were also upgraded from 1 Gbps to 10 Gbps, providing the capacity needed to take full advantage of the increased internet bandwidth.
- Touch2Play play centers will soon be installed at all four Library locations. The units provide touchscreen games and hands-on activities for young children.

Friends of the Chandler Library

- Through the generosity of our community, Friends of Chandler Public Library was able to allocate \$183,353 in annual support of Library programs and services for FY 26/27.
 - Summer onsite used book sales and robust online book sales continued to successful fundraising activities for the Friends. Upcoming onsite sales include Media, Children's and Vintage books.
 - Friends of Chandler Public Library Board of Directors will reconvene after their summer hiatus in September and celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week from October 18–24, 2026.
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