



MINUTES

**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
VELMA TEAGUE LIBRARY
7010 N. 58TH AVENUE
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Diane Kocur, Chair
Eva Ndavu, Vice Chair
Gary Johnson, Board Member
Timothy Ndavu, Board Member
Haydee Kukowski, Board Member

Also Present: Michael Beck, Chief Librarian
Dawn Ferro, Library Administrator
Greg Kinder, Administrative Librarian
Esther Peneff, Administrative Support Specialist

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Library Advisory Board Minutes of January 11, 2023.

Board Member Timothy Ndavu made the motion, Board Member Gary Johnson made the second to approve the January 11, 2023, Library Advisory Board meeting minutes as amended:

Pg.2, Section 5.a.- Vice-Chair Eva Ndavu stated that it should be listed as 5.a. and not a.

Pg.2, New Business, Paragraph 1:

Line 1-Chief Librarian Beck introduced Natalie Menges, Administrative Librarian, who has been with the Glendale Public Library for 10 years.

Line 2-She has worked at the Foothills *Library* and Velma Teague Library and *is* currently at the Heroes Library.

Line 3-~~We also have~~ Alexandra Rowland, Librarian, ~~who has~~ presented ~~before~~ on different STEM programming.

Line 4-Ms. Rowland started the presentation stating that the focus is on family programming.

Line 5-Some of the programs that have been popular include 3D printing (Jack-o-lantern), Seasonal Painting (Colors of Autumn / Colors of Winter) and the Coding Club (Hour of Code / Robotics).

Line 6-Ms. Rowland showed some of the artwork that was created by patrons.

Line 7-The Coding Club has received help *from* ~~by~~ Daisy Murillo, New York Times Software

Engineer.

Line 8-Ms. Murillo has received national recognition as a Computer Science Hero and ~~working has worked with the~~ National Center for Women Information Technology, Technolochicas and Televisa Foundation.

Line 9-The Coding Club ~~had~~ built a robotic dog and Ms. Rowland showed how ~~the robotic dog~~ "Blaster" moved.

Line 10-Ms. Rowland ~~explained with displayed~~ photos of other programs ~~that they have had~~ such as ~~garden planting. in the garden area, nerf program.~~

Line 11 - The nerf program had the children working together to create a space with cardboard boxes before the nerf game began.

Paragraph 2 and throughout minutes use Vice-Chair T. Nadvu and Board Member E. Nadvu where applicable.

Section 5.a., paragraph 7- *There were* no further questions and Ms. Menges started the tour.

Section 6.a. Chief Librarian Update:

- Marshall Trimble, Arizona historian, stated ~~during his~~ *that this* Glendale program ~~that this program~~ was his last public speaking performance. He started in Glendale and wanted his last performance to be in Glendale. There were over 200 people in attendance.
- Recruitment-Administrative Librarian for Technology Services-should have someone *on-boarded* by early March.

Motion approved 5-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. VELMA TEAGUE LIBRARY TOUR (INFORMATIONAL)

Chief Librarian Beck welcomed the board members to the Velma Teague Library and introduced Greg Kinder, Administrative Librarian. Mr. Kinder welcomed everyone. He said that they have had several staff changes recently. One of their youth services story-time programming Librarians, Janet Lloyd, retired in December. We have a new full-time youth service programming Librarian, Stephanie Gruel, who formerly worked at the Foothills Library. She has eight years' programming experience. Mrs. Gruel has been with the City of Glendale for 16 years and started as a volunteer when she was 15 years old. Stephanie will work on youth story-time and baby-time programming.

Mr. Kinder spoke about upcoming events/programming:

1. Bilingual Play Group – The library has partnered with the Benevilla Resource Center. They come in once a month for the play group which is geared toward parents/guardians and kids, aged 1-5 years old.
2. The Pac-Man Box was developed by Heroes' Librarian Alexandria Rowland, from the Glendale 100 grant, which helped with fun crafts such as this.
3. Pokémon Tournament – Approximately 30 kids attended monthly. The kids brought their cards and received prizes or incentives.
4. Reading with Zoey – Kids brushed-up on their reading skills by reading to the dog, Zoey.
5. Summer Reading Programs are coming soon in June and July and on Wednesdays. The library normally used the council chambers for the bigger programs/performance (juggler, puppet theater, etc.), but since the city hall renovation will be beginning then, they will be using Velma Teague Library's meeting room or youth area. Other activities will include:
 - a. Miniature Golf
 - b. Craft Stations / Game Stations
 - c. STEAM events (June/July)
 - d. 3-D Pen Crafts
 - e. Bristle-Bots
 - f. Ozobots

Mr. Kinder said that they do not have a dedicated teen Librarian position, but the programming staff have been working together to provide teen programming. We are also trying to get a Teen Council created to get more teen involvement.

Teen Programming:

1. Glendale 100 – crafts celebrating the 1990's with candy rave jewelry. They played techno music and had flashing lights for the teens to enjoy.
2. Disco ball keychains to celebrate the 1970's.
3. National Haiku Poetry Contest – teens will submit their poetry and staff will pick a winner. Cowtown Skateboard donated a skateboard, and their poetry will also be displayed.
4. Boggle contest – Oversized letters were placed on the ceiling and teens had to find the most words to win a prize.
5. Volunteer Opportunities – staff worked with Volunteer Coordinator Cassandra Jarles to recruit additional volunteers.

Adult Programming:

1. Mystery Book Club – over 20 members typically attend.
2. 58th Avenue Book Club – 20+ years in existence.
3. Brown Bag Book Club – Judy Coon is the program lead, and she does a wonderful job.
4. Knit & Crochet Group-meet monthly. Participants create and donate blankets to nursing homes.
5. Glendale 100 Adult Crafts – Sarah Kaufman-Librarian created Flower Power Pen sets and coming soon will be a Bedazzled Botanical Craft with Aloe plant.
6. Jim Turner (lecturer) – History of Movies
7. Marshall Shore (lecturer) – Arizona Vintage Signs
8. Senior Bingo Book Program
9. Medicare 101 Programs
10. ELL Classes (grammar & English) – starting in late spring
11. Free Comic Book Day-coming in May. Ken and Susan from Drawn to Comics will donate comic books for this event. There will be video game tournaments, crafts, game tables, cosplayers, and comic book artists. Last time, the library had close to 1,000 attendees. In October, we hope to have a Halloween comic book event with a spooky theme.

Mr. Kinder said that we are getting many calls to schedule library field trips and outreach. The downtown merchant's manager, Daniel Subiano, reached out and asked if he could start having the Downtown Merchant meetings at the library.

Member Kukowski thanked Mr. Kinder for the extensive explanation of the programming that is available. She had also asked how a teacher or instructor is recruited for the ELL program. Mr. Kinder stated that there is a website that gives ideas for lessons and themes. Librarian Sarah Kaufman knows more about the website and Mr. Kinder can email additional information to them.

Board Member T. Ndavu asked if Drawn to Comics has been involved in the Pokémon programming. Mr. Kinder said that they have not but thought that it was a good idea and maybe they can donate prizes. Ken and Susan have been wonderful to work with over the years. Mr. Kinder asked if there were any other questions; otherwise, the tour will start. There were none.

Chief Librarian Beck stated that the meeting will be adjourned for the tour and will reconvene afterwards.

Chair Kocur reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and stated that we are moving onto the next agenda item. She asked Chief Librarian Beck to share his updates.

6. CHIEF LIBRARIAN UPDATE

- a. Chief Librarian Beck thanked Mr. Kinder for the tour and gave the following updates:
 - Songwriters Program (Main Library) – Librarian Ivy Jarvis expanded it this year, and we have 90 performers scheduled on three to four separate stages.
 - Arts and Culture Festival in Murphy Park – Several hundred patrons and vendors attended.
 - Foothill Library – The parking lot repairs have been completed.
 - Main Library – The metal trellis is in the process of getting repainted.
 - New Administrative Librarian – Sarah Kaufman had been promoted into that role. She has a master's degree in Library Science and Computer Science degree. She has worked for the federal government, has been a Librarian for over ten years, and won the Youth Librarian of the Year award (AZLA). She will be responsible for the automation and technology portion of the libraries.

- Brick Donations – We have had recent requests for brick donations to commemorate those that have passed away. Dawn Ferro has an order in for bricks and includes the Library Advisory Board bricks.

- Friends of the Public Library – Mr. Beck is trying to get a meeting scheduled with them. Recently last fall, they held a Chipotle fund-raiser event for the library’s benefit. He will keep the board updated.

Chair Kocur asked if there were any more questions.

Board Member T. Ndavu thanked Mr. Kinder for the tour and hospitality.

Chair Kocur mentioned that former teen member, Lauren Snair, finished her two terms with the Library Advisory Board. She was a wonderful Board Member, and we hope to find someone to replace her.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Chair Kocur asked if there were any more questions. No other questions.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Library Advisory Board will be held on March 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Large Meeting Room of the Main Library, located at 5959 W. Brown St., Glendale, Arizona, 85302.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Library Advisory Board meeting minutes of February 8, 2023, were submitted and approved this 8th day of March 2023.

Esther Peneff
Recording Secretary