

**MINUTES OF THE
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD Monday, April 15, 2024 at 5:30 PM
at the Copper Queen Library located at 6 Main Street, Bisbee, AZ 85603**

ROLL CALL: The Meeting was called to order by Cinda Combs at 5:30 PM
BOARD MEMBERS

CINDA COMBS (CHAIR)
DONNA WIRTEL
MARY ANN HARLAN - ABSENT
MICHAEL WILSON
WILL GRONLUND
ANGELIKA JOHNSON

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: LESLIE JOHNS, WARD 1 - ABSENT
CITY STAFF LIAISON: JASON MACOVIAK - LIBRARY MANAGER

THE FOLLOWING WAS DISCUSSED, CONSIDERED, AND/OR DECIDED UPON AT THIS MEETING.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Minutes from the October 16, 2023 meeting were approved.

2. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Macoviak took the opportunity to announce that the Copper Queen Library was named a Finalist for the National Medal for Museum and Library Services by the Institute of Museum and Library Service in Washington D.C. He explained that 14 other libraries around the country have also been named finalists for the nation's highest honor given to libraries that demonstrate excellence in service to their communities. In addition, 15 museums around the country have been named a finalist for the National Medal. Winners will be announced at the end of May. The Copper Queen Library was nominated by U.S. Representative Raul Grijalva. Grijalva's Office will be making a visit to the CQL to film a video that they will share via their social media outlets.

3. CALL TO PUBLIC.

There was no call to the public.

4. OLD BUSINESS.

None

5. NEW BUSINESS.

STATE OF THE LIBRARY REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY MANAGER

STATISTICS : Mr. Macoviak presented statistics for the last two quarters (October 2023- March 2024) since there was no Library Advisory Board Meeting in January. He presented a power point that highlighted this year's statistics compared to the last two years. He explained that even though the fiscal year was not yet over, this was a good way to see how the library was progressing towards its goal of beating last year's statistics. He presented slides on New User Registration, Patron Visits, Physical Checkouts, Annex Checkouts, Program Participation, as well as Library of Things Checkouts. He also presented a handout of statistics for the last two quarters.

STAFFING : Mr. Macoviak noted that library assistant Kathy Parke had retired and that Raymond Ritari was hired to replace her 10 hours/week. He noted that Ms. Parke was being kept on the City of Bisbee payroll to cover any staff vacation time or illness outages. He noted that Raymond brings to the Copper Queen Library a career of public services as a priest, as well as library experience from a part-time job in New Mexico. Mr. Macoviak noted that he was very please to have Mr. Ritari on board. He noted that there were no other staffing changes.

GRANTS : Mr. Macoviak gave an update on the Copper Queen Library's completed grant from the University of Arizona's Center for Rural Health. He explained that with grant funds, the Library created a Tough Topics collection, which features important resources to help patrons face difficult issues in their lives. The Library also created birding backpacks with the UA Cooperative Extension, blood pressure monitoring kits with the Cochise County Health & Human Services Department, and winter health & hygiene kits that were distributed to Bisbee's at-risk population. Mr. Macoviak presented slides to help highlight the programs and collections that were accomplished with the grant funding, including the partners that the library worked with to complete the grant goals. Partners included : University of Arizona's WaterWise, Cochise County Health & Human Services, Bisbee Harm Reduction, Healthy Bisbee, Bisbee Fiber Arts Guild, and Dr. Jerrod Long.

PROGRAMMING : Mr. Macoviak updated the Board on the Library's programming efforts. He noted that library staff was busy preparing up for it's 4th Annual Ice Cream Social and Early Literacy Fair at the Annex on Friday, May 10th from Noon - 2 PM. He explained that the Ice Cream Social connects parents, caregivers, families, child-care professionals and educators in a fun and delicious way. This year's event will feature educational outreach from the Tucson's Children's Museum, as well as informational and activity tables from local non-profits and other partners, which include WaterWise, Bisbee Science Lab, and much more. The event will also include the Cochise County BEAD Stakeholder's Meeting, which is being organized by the library and the Governor's Office of Southeast Arizona. The **Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program**, provides \$42.45 billion to expand high-speed internet access by funding planning, infrastructure deployment and adoption programs. He also noted that The Copper Queen Library and the Friends of the Copper Queen Library will be celebrating being named a finalist for the National Medal with a concert by Gertie and the TO Boyz in City Park on Friday, June 14th at 6 PM. Gertie and the T.O. Boyz play Waila tunes that were written by her and her family. Waila began from the music of early fiddle bands that adapted European and Mexican tunes heard in northern Sonora. The band is from the Tohono O'odham Reservation. Ms. Johnson offered to volunteer for the event. Mr. Macoviak also gave an update on the library's upcoming Summer Fun Program. He noted that the program was open to kids ages 0 - 18, the CQL's Summer Program will feature a book per week for every participant, as well as fun library swag. Programs will include a field trip to the San Pedro River with Trevor from WaterWise, a foam party (outside, of course), art and writing challenges, and so much more! Mr. Macoviak noted that Freeport McMoRan will be the sponsor again for this year's Summer Fun Program. Mr. Macoviak finished with the Cochise College Creative Writing Contest for Youth, which was judged by both Mr. Macoviak and Ms. Williams of the CQL, Stephanie Fulton of the Huachuca City Library and Amadee Rickets of the Cochise County Library District. He noted that it was fun to read the submissions and was very impressed with the quality of writing across the board.

OTHER : None

6. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER.**

7. **ADJOURNMENT.** It was announced that the next Library Advisory Board Meeting would be on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Copper Queen Library. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM