

**MINUTES OF THE
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD Tuesday, July 14, 2026 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
DONNA WIRTEL
MARY ANN HARLAN
MICHAEL WILSON
WILL GRONLUND
ANGELIKA JOHNSON (excused)
SARA CURTIS

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Cesilia C. Garcia, Ward 1
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 January 13, 2026 meeting were approved.

2. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Macoviak mentioned correspondence that he received both in favor and against the library's decision to host Drag Story Hour in 2020 and 2024.

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 April - June 2026 with comparable statistics from April - June 2025. He noted that the library checked out 3,509 adult books, 1,541 kids books, 237 audio cds and 4,220 dvds. He also gave statistics for the Children's Library. He stated that the library checked out 362 juvenile fiction books, 287 graphic novels, 217 juvenile nonfiction books, 167 young adult novels, 129 board books, 308 easy books and 41 early readers. He also stated that the library hosted 45 preschool programs with 635 participants (which includes parents and caregivers); as well as 66 adult programs with 810 participants. He noted that the library was still lending out more materials to other county libraries than borrowing, which shows that patrons are finding a lot of what they need right here in the library. Mr. Macoviak also talked about the Library of Things checkouts, including 104 internet hotspots, 30 culture passes, 330 packs of seeds, 84 tools. He also talked about the increase in digital library checkouts which includes eBook, eAudiobooks and digital magazines. He noted that there were 1,128 eBook, 1,704 eAudiobooks and 834 digital magazines checked out over the three month period.

STAFFING : Mr. Macoviak noted that there were no changes to Library Staff. He did note that the library was onboarding new volunteers to help at both the main library and the Annex. He talked about the great work of the library's volunteer team and noted that staff would not be able to accomplish the things they do without the help of our loyal and dedicated volunteers.

PROGRAMMING : Mr. Macoviak talked about current and future programming at the Copper Queen Library. He discussed this year's Summer Fun Program, as well as the Time Capsule that will be buried in front of City Hall in the autumn. He also announced the CQL's new partnership with the Smithsonian Institute's inaugural Rural Library Initiative. He explained that the library, along with 16 other rural libraries across the country, will be given access to the Smithsonian's robust catalog

of virtual programming for 2026-27. The library will work with local partners to present this programming throughout the year at both the Main Library and Annex. He also mentioned that the library will be working 1-on-1 with Smithsonian staff throughout the year. The Board congratulated the library and was excited to see how this new initiative will unfold over the next year.

NEW OFFERINGS/GRANTS : Mr. Macoviak updated the board on new offerings at the Copper Queen Library, including the CQL's new Memory Care Kits that have been added to the Library of Things. He explained that these kits were designed for caregivers of dementia and Alzheimer's patients. Each Memory Kit features interactive activities for use with those with memory loss (puzzle, games or conversation cards), a book with colorful illustrations, and a copy of *A Caregiver's Guide to Dementia* by Laura Gitlin which explores the use of activities and other techniques to prevent, reduce and otherwise manage the behavioral symptoms of dementia. Mr. Macoviak also updated the Board on the CQL's new Community Resource Kiosk donated by the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona. Located on the third floor of the library, the kiosk allows patrons to easily and intuitively find health and wellness support services in Cochise County. He noted that the library will be hosting an unveiling of the kiosk with the Legacy Foundation on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 12 PM. Mr. Macoviak also announced a new grant of \$2500 that the CQL received from the Arizona State Library to purchase early learning kits for the Library of Things.

OTHER : Mr. Macoviak discussed the City of Bisbee's acquisition of the building at 519 W. Melody Lane (where the Annex is) from the Bisbee Unified School District. He explained that the City of Bisbee signed a 30 year lease. He explained that this new arrangement will allow the Annex to expand. He noted that after repairs and improvements are made, the Annex would receive another room to create a Maker Space, as well as a shared room for presentations and movies. He noted that this would create a great opportunity to expand programming at the Annex, including programming from the Smithsonian. Mr. Macoviak also discussed the loss of appropriations funding. The Board asked what back up plans existed for obtaining funding elsewhere. Mr. Macoviak noted that there was no solid backup plan, but that library staff and the City of Bisbee remained committed to finding funding to restore the exterior of the building. The Board also discussed ways in which the Library could honor Angelika Johnson, a Library Advisory Board Member who recently passed away. There was discussion about working with the BUSD and their new campaign of Drop Everything And Read to donate young adult books to the school in her name. Mr. Macoviak stated that he would look into that.

6. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER :** Mr. Macoviak noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Copper Queen Library.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.** The Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.