



MINUTES
MESQUITE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
August 3, 2021
7:00 p.m. Mesquite
Public Library
300 Grubb Drive

Present

Julie Shelton, Chair
Barbara Dunn, Vice-Chair
Tammy Strong
Marissa Oldfield
June Chambers

Absent

Janice Chennault, Recorder/Secretary
Angel Blackstock

Virginia Mundt, Director of Library Services

1. Julie Shelton, Chair, called the meeting to order. It was determined that a quorum existed.
2. Minutes from the July meeting were read. June Chambers made a motion the July minutes be approved; Tammy Strong seconded the motion. The July minutes were approved.
3. The Library Director gave an update on the RFID conversion, which is nearly completed. The library staff is already using RFID to check out items, but the self-serve kiosks will not be activated until all the bugs are worked out. There are still plans for both libraries to offer storytimes every week and Lego Club once a month, but that has not been finalized due to an increase in Covid cases. The library has wrapped up the Texas Book Festival grant that was used to enhance the study guide collection. The library is about to wrap up the larger grant used for the acquisition of circulating hotspots and furniture for social distancing.
4. The Library Director reviewed the staff reports for July. Summer Reading Club ended July 31, 2021. The participation numbers were higher than last year but still lower than usual. The Library Department was assigned four interns from the City's SYIP program who were very helpful during the RFID conversion and while the library was conducting its annual survey of customer satisfaction. Library staff spoke about each intern at a luncheon. The director met with a representative from

Helen's Project to discuss ways to help those in need of services, such as the homeless and victims of domestic violence.

5. In other library announcements, the Library Director announced that the youth librarian had taken a position at another library and resigned. She also mentioned that the library was to be recognized at the next MISD school board meeting for being a partner with the district's ReadPlayTalk initiative. There was also a brief discussion of future changes that may affect all the City's boards and commissions.
6. There were no comments or concerns from the board members.
7. June Chambers made a motion the meeting be adjourned; Barbara Dunn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.