FLORENCE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Joint-Use Library Advisory Board

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Minutes

Regular Meeting
July 16, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Chairperson Kollert.

2. Members present were: Sheree Berger, Talma Harmon, Denise Kollert and Kamian Harmon.
Members absent were: Eugene Horan and Hermalene Wick.

3. A motion was made by Member Berger, seconded by Member Harmon, and carried to approve the April 16, 2014 minutes.

4. The Library Director's report included the following:

- The Florence Community Library closed out its 2014 Arizona Summer Reading Program, "Fizz! Boom! Read!" with Professional Hypnotist Paul Watson. Patrons came out and enjoyed an evening of hypnosis, comedy, and a little bit of magic to successfully end the science-themed summer reading program.

  Florence's youth read a combined total of more than 33,000 minutes this summer. Arcel E. Lopez was our top children's reader. He received a tablet, book, and a prize bag. Isabelle Wang was our 2nd place reader. Aisaya Bell, Anthony Berdge, Rahmel Valentine and Talia Valentine were 3rd place readers. Each of them received a book, and a prize bag. Sarah Colter was our top teen reader. She received Harkins Theatre tickets for 4, a book, and a prize bag.

  Other readers of note are Nathaniel Wang, Jordan Cherry, George Crispen, Kaeden Christenson, Amanda Schifano, Ryan Lopez, Serina Paulson, Tanner Elliott, Haley Lopez, Oscar Rodriguez, Diego Rodriguez, Shawn Mendez, Jolee Anna Viola, Levi Backes, Jonathan Schifano, Bailey Christenson, Andrea Perez Salazar, Marilyn Bieker, Chloe Dubien, Noah Christenson, Madison Grogitsky, and Norah Hess.

  Megan Yeo was this year's raffle winner of Arizona Diamondbacks tickets for 4.

  Everyone who turned in their reading logs received a book and a prize bag full of goodies.

  "Literary Elements," the 2014 Adult Summer Reading Program, was also a success. Participants read more than 80 total books during the program's month-long run. Denise Kollert was our top adult reader with 22 books read.

Kandi Hartung placed second with 13 books, and April Shilliam third with 7 books read.

The Florence Community Library is thankful for everyone who took part in making this program a success: The Friends of the Florence Community Library; Arizona Cardinals; Arizona Diamondbacks; Pinal County Historical Society & Museum; B&D Restaurants, Inc. /McDonald's; Harkins Theatres; Paula Norby at Papa Murphy's Pizza; Ginger Marvin at Peter Piper Pizza; Jeanine Gooding, RDH Oral Health Screening Clinical Director at Sun Life Family Health Center; Jennie Treadway, Instructional Specialist, and Annie Cecil, Sensory Screener at The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. We would like to also thank our wonderful volunteers: Brad Berger, Melanie Crounse, Ian Singco, Ingree Villalba, and Dave Zambrano.

- The last day of school for Florence Unified School District students was May 29, 2014. Students will return from break on July 21, 2014.

- Bonnie Wolfsberg retired from her position with the school district at the end of May. The position will not be replaced. The Town's vacant Library Aide position has been filled. Veronica Felix began her duties on July 14, 2014, 2014.

5. Ms. Rosemary Bebris, Library Director, provided an update on the new library facility. The most recent floor plan was distributed. Staff has been having weekly meetings with Low Mountain to keep the project on track. Staff expects to break ground on the facility in the first part of October.

As requested by the Library Board, Ms. Bebris provided a revised Children's Access and Use Policy for Board Members to review. Ms. Bebris gave an overview of the suggested changes, as well as examples of policies from other area libraries. Ms. Bebris told Board Members that a "responsible caregiver" was clarified to be a parent or adult caregiver over the age of 18. Member Harmon suggested the age children can be in the library unattended be changed from 10 years old to 12 years old, as 10 is too young to be left alone. Other Library Board Members indicated general agreement. Ms. Bebris stated that library staff would not have an objection to the change, but noted it would be a significant departure from the old policy. A motion was made by Member Harmon, seconded by Member Berger, and carried to approve the updated Children's Access and Use Policy with the additional change; children must be 12 years old to be in the library without a parent or adult caregiver over the age of 18.

6. The next meeting was scheduled for August 20, 2014.

7. A motion was made by Member Harmon, seconded by Member Berger, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Talma Harmon, Secretary

Approved, Denise Kollert

Denise Kollert, Chairperson