

# City of Mesa Library Advisory Board Meeting

Date: May 18, 2010  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Location: City of Mesa Main Library  
64 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street

## Members Present

Mike Yates  
*Chair*

Cameron Behning  
Cheryl Laflen  
Diane Cantile  
Dilworth Brinton, Jr.  
Kay Henry

## Staff Present

Kate Havris  
Heather Wolf  
Dawn P. Kucerak  
Kathy Little  
Kellie Gillespie

## Members Absent

Teresa D'Asaro  
Becky Rapier  
Sharon Webster

## Guests Present

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
<b>Call to Order</b>	Board Chair Mike Yates called the regular bi-monthly meeting of the City of Mesa Library Advisory Board to order at 5:35 p.m. on May 18, 2010.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Board member Dilworth Brinton, Jr. moved & board member Cheryl Laflen seconded that the minutes of the March 9, 2010 regular meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed, all voting yes.
<b>Public Comments</b>	There were no public comments.
<b>Nomination and election of Vice Chair</b>	Board member Dilworth Brinton, Jr. moved & board member Diane Cantile seconded the nomination of board member Kay Henry as vice-chair to the Library Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.
<b>Director's Report: Express Library Update</b>	<p>Library Director Heather Wolf provided an update on the Express Library that has now been named the Mesa Express Library (MEL). A 2,500 sq. ft. space has been leased in a strip mall at Guadalupe &amp; Hawes Roads. The library's lease identified tenant improvements (TI) to be made by the landlord prior to the library occupying the space. Recently, Jill Schow, Real Estate Specialist II, for the City of Mesa assigned to facilitate the leasing of said property contacted the leasing agent about the status of the TI's. Ms. Schow confirmed that the original leasing company had merged with another company and that communications on behalf of the library had been re-established. The leasing agent communicated that the TI's were too costly and that the landlord is not able to fund the TI's. After a meeting by Ms. Wolf with City Manager Christopher Brady, City Attorney Jim Smith, Deputy City Manager Karolyn Kent, and Real Estate Specialist II Jill Schow these options are being considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pre-pay rent to fund the TI's and in return receive rent credit for the leased 2,500 sq. ft.</li><li>• If the charter school and landlord mutually terminate their lease, then the City could negotiate a lease for the 5,000 sq. ft. space vacated by the charter school</li><li>• Terminate the library's lease and research new properties</li></ul>

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No final decisions have been made. Further discussion ensued among the Board and the Library Director on this topic. Library Director Heather Wolf will keep the Board apprised of any new developments.

**YAAC Report**

Board member Cameron Behning reported that YAAC attendance has doubled in the last four months with 14 members in attendance. The YAAC group will coordinate a book reader’s theatre at each library location on Saturdays during the month of June. The YAAC newsletter is going strong and will hopefully move from a quarterly to a monthly publication. Board member Diane Cantile inquired as to the age group of YAAC members. Board member Cameron Behning responded that YAAC members are between 12 and 18 years of age.

**Branch Coordinators Report: Summer Update**

Branch Coordinator Kathy Little from the Main Library reported on the library’s upcoming summer programs and provided each Board member with an event calendar for June and July 2010 (see handout). Ms. Little also recommended checking the library’s website, *mesalibrary.org*, for additional information about library events.

Branch Coordinator Kellie Gillespie from the Red Mountain Library reported on this year’s summer reading programs (SRP) for children and teens. The children’s SRP titled “Leap into Reading” and “Make a Splash-Read!” are for children ages birth to 5 years and 6-11 years respectively. The teen SRP titled “Make Waves @ Your Library” is for ages 12-18. Registration for SRP began on Monday, May 17, 2010, and the program will run from May 24 to July 22, 2010. Complete details about SRP including a complete listing of summer reading programs, incentives, and on-line registration are available through the library’s website, *mesalibrary.org*.

**Recognition of outgoing Board members**

Library Director Heather Wolf recognized outgoing Board Chair Mike Yates with a certificate and library memorabilia. Ms. Wolf thanked him for his six years of dedicated service from July 12, 2010 – June 30, 2010 to the Board both as a board member for four years and as Board Chair for the past two years. In addition, Ms. Wolf presented a brief history as to some of the topics and issues that the Board participated in during Mr. Yates tenure that included the budget, Internet filtering, parking lot time limits, and selecting exterior paint colors for the Main library. Board Chair Mr. Yates commented that he appreciated having the opportunity to provide input on topics that one would not normally be exposed to such as the Internet filtering.

**Identify items for future agendas**

Express Library Update. Outgoing Board Chair Mike Yates recommended that the grand opening for the Express Library be held on a Saturday for the benefit of greater citizen participation at the event.

**Announcements**

None.

**Adjournment**

Board member Dilworth Brinton, Jr. moved & board member Diane Cantile seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on September 21, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Library Boardroom, 64 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.