



# City of Apache Junction, Arizona

## Meeting Minutes Library Board

Meeting Location:  
City Council Chambers  
at City Hall  
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*Doors are open to the public at least 15 minutes prior to the posted meeting start time.*

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Thursday, May 8, 2025

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

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### A. Call to Order

President Borey called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

### B. Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - President Borey  
Secretary Fitzgerald  
Boardmember Meek  
Boardmember Perkins

**Absent:** 3 - Vice President Barker  
Boardmember Bigelow  
Boardmember Walters

### C. Acceptance of Agenda

This was accepted

**Yes** 4 - President Borey, Secretary Fitzgerald, Boardmember Meek, and Boardmember Perkins

**No** 0

**Absent** 3 - Vice President Barker, Boardmember Bigelow, and Boardmember Walters

### D. Acceptance of Minutes for March 13, 2025 Regular Meeting

This was accepted

**Yes** 4 - President Borey, Secretary Fitzgerald, Boardmember Meek, and Boardmember Perkins

**No** 0

**Absent** 3 - Vice President Barker, Boardmember Bigelow, and Boardmember Walters

### E. Call to the Public

None.

### F. Correspondence and Communications

None.

### G. Librarian's Report

Director Harrison began with a brief discussion of the monthly statistics for March and April.

She also announced that Megan Carbiener, Stephanie Oplinger, and Megan Sparks presented at a past Arizona Library Association Conference. Their presentation, titled *"Young Adult to Forever Young: Mastering the Intergenerational Program,"* highlights our library's success in attracting and engaging patrons of all ages through inclusive programming. The webinar is now available on YouTube.

Director Harrison also provided an update on recent library programming. The 2025 Summer Reading Program, titled Color Our World, will run from May 24 to July 12 and is open to all ages. The Scholastic Book Fair will take place during the final week of the program. Children up to age 5 who log 1,000 minutes of reading will receive a free book from the fair. We are grateful to our generous sponsors, including Sonic, Texas Roadhouse, Panda Express, Raising Cane's, and Culver's.

The Kickoff Event-*Color Your Summer Party*-will be held on May 29 from 12:00-2:00 p.m., featuring face painting, balloon animals, crafts, and a collaborative community art project. Special guests will include representatives from Parks and Recreation and the Police Department.

For the first time, we're also hosting a Summer Reading Kickoff for Adults and Teens called *Paige & Palette*, to be held at the Paige Artist Gallery Studio on May 30 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.. Attendees can enjoy light refreshments, prize drawings, and the opportunity to mingle with local artists and check out books.

The SES upgrade reported at this meeting has since been canceled. However, the main fire alarm panel is set to be replaced next week. The Goldfield Room and Opal Room will also receive new lighting, consistent with the recently upgraded lighting in the Youth Area.

In response to a prior question from a past meeting, it was confirmed that Winter Lecture Series sessions cannot be recorded.

As our current strategic plan approaches its end, work is underway on a new plan set to launch July 1, 2025. To guide this process, we've collected feedback from over 450 patron surveys, along with staff surveys. We will soon be conducting focus groups with various age groups and community partners.

Lastly, the Public Open House for the Conceptual Design of the Library Reading Garden is scheduled for May 13, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Mountain View Room, overlooking the future garden site. The planned 5,000 sq. ft. garden will include dedicated spaces for programming, gardening, learning, and more.

## **H. Old Business**

None.

## **I. New Business**

1. [25-221](#) Setting of date and time in June for the special board meeting to discuss and approve the 2024-2025 Library Board of Trustees Annual Report.

**This New Business was approved**

Secretary Fitzgerald moved to approve June 12, 2025 as the date and time for the Library Board Special Meeting. Boardmember Meek seconded the motion.

**J. Requests for Future Agenda Items**

President Borey requested a library garden update after the open house takes place.

**K. Adjournment**

President Borey adjourned the meeting at 6:57pm

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Judy Borey  
President