



# City of Apache Junction, Arizona

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## Meeting Minutes Library Board Special Meeting

*Library Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
to be held at  
City Council Chambers at City Hall  
300 E Superstition Blvd  
Apache Junction, AZ 85119*

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Thursday, June 24, 2021

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

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### A. Call to Order

Chairman Graves called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

### B. Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Graves  
Krause  
Rajski  
Walters

**Excused:** 2 - Borey  
Wine

### C. Acceptance of Agenda

Vice Chair Rajski moved to accept the agenda. Boardmember Walters seconded the motion.

**Yes** 4 - Graves, Krause, Rajski, and Walters

**No** 0

### D. Librarian's Report

Director Harrison displayed a visual chart of the daily average patron visits from April 1, 2021 to June 21, 2021, to show the increase in visits over that time. Also mentioned was the summer reading program statistics from 2019 to present. Although mobile library trips throughout the community have decreased due to the summer heat and lack of outdoor events, we have begun a partnership with the First Baptist Church in Apache Junction. Each Wednesday the church holds a community resource center event from 9am-noon providing food bank items to the public. The library will attend this event on Wednesday, June 30 to meet and inform the public about library services. On May 3, 2021, we were awarded a grant for the StoryWalk at Prospector Park through the Arizona State Library. This grant will pay for the installation of 18 posts and frames to hold pages of books and the pages will be covered with acrylic to protect them from damage. Parks and Recreation will be installing the posts around mid-October. Director Harrison provided pictures of what the StoryWalk could look like. The grant begins July 1st.

### E. Agenda Items

1. [21-270](#) Discussion and possible vote for approval of the Apache Junction Public Library Board of Trustees 2020/2021 Annual Report.

**Boardmember Walters made a motion to approve the Apache Junction Public Library Board of Trustees 2020/21 Annual Report. Vice Chair Rajski seconded the motion.**

**Yes**                    4 -     Graves, Krause, Rajski, and Walters

**No**                     0

- 2.     [21-277](#)                    Discussion and possible vote on eliminating proof of age 18 and parental permission for circulation of audio/visual materials labeled R-Rated or for mature audiences.

**Vice Chair Rajski made a motion to eliminate proof of age 18 and parental permission for circulation of audio/visual materials labeled R-rated or for mature audiences. Board member Walters seconded the motion.**

**Yes**                    4 -     Graves, Krause, Rajski, and Walters

**No**                     0

Director Harrison discussed the memo previously provided to the board regarding elimination of age restrictions for circulation of nonprint library materials considered mature. The Apache Junction Public Library's current procedure state in the Loan Periods and Limits section that: "Audio/visual materials labeled R-Rated, for mature audience or parental advisory shall require proof of age 18 or older or parental permission." Director Harrison's recommendation based on the guidance from the American Library Association is to eliminate proof of age 18 and parental permission for circulation of audio/visual materials labeled R-Rated or for mature audiences. These standards currently apply to the circulation of print materials in the library. Director Harrison contacted other libraries to see what their policies were and found that there was not a single library system in Maricopa County restricting access to content for minors either in print or nonprint. After contacting the largest libraries in Pinal County she found that Florence, Maricopa City and Casa Grande do not restrict access to minors in print or nonprint. Director Harrison also contacted the Apache Junction city attorney who agreed that it is up to the parent to monitor their child's library materials as it is not a government function. Currently, a mature content sticker is placed on tv series and video game materials. Director Harrison would be willing to continue the use of stickers on those materials to provide some awareness to parents on the type of content being checked out. Vice Chair Rajski suggested some form of notification to parents regarding the possible change. Director Harrison will discuss with city management the best course of action to provide notification to parents.

**F.     Adjournment**

Chairman Graves asked for a motion to adjourn. Boardmember Walters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Rajski seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm

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Samuel Graves  
Chairman