

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Library Advisory Board

**FROM:** Alexis Wellborn, Library Manager

**DATE:** Monday, May 6, 2024

**SUBJECT:** May 2024 Library Manager's Report

Good afternoon, Board members.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 PM. We will meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at Town Center, 255 E Parkway Blvd.

### **Manager's Report**

#### **Previous Meeting Suggestions**

1. Neel asked at the previous meeting if we could add book recommendation software to our catalogue. We do already have software called "Novelist" that has this functionality in our catalogue.
2. Request for a Digital Services Presentation: We will plan this for the fall, most likely split into two sessions, one in November and one in December. This will allow our staff to focus on both the databases and other digital resources available in the library.
3. 5K or Running Club: This would be a joint project with the CORE and would need to take place after the summer. However, we also have a Community Experiences 5K each Thanksgiving, so it might need to be a spring 2025 item.
4. Book Club interest: The summer book club may not work for the same groups that it would work for at other points of the year. To let our programming teams know that this is something of interest, please:
  - a. Submit a program request, even ask friends to submit to show interest level.
  - b. If unable to get a formal program, you may request a room and meet privately. We have a few book clubs that do this on a regular basis.

#### **Workload Indicators**

Detailed statistics will be provided by the time of our meeting this Thursday.

## **Operations**

-We have submitted several documents to the city attorney's office for review. We will most likely use our August and September meetings to approve the changes to these documents.

## **Upcoming Library Events**

### **Bees in Your Backyard**

May 11, 2024, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Hear firsthand from experienced beekeeper Jeremy Campbell about honeybee bee biology, the important role bees play in a healthy ecosystem, and who you should contact if you find a hive on your property. This experience features a mobile observation hive demonstration so you can see real honeybees working in their hive safely through glass. This program is intended for adults. Registration is not required.

### **Let's Play Mahjong**

May 15, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Join others to play this classic game of skill, strategy, and luck. Traditionally played in groups of four, many people use mahjong as a fun social activity that also gives their brain a workout. Guest instructors will help new participants get started. This program is open to both beginners and experienced players. Registration required. For adults 18 and up.

### **Celebrate Cozby Library**

May 18, 2024, 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Help us celebrate the 50th anniversary of Cozby Library! Stop by the Amphitheater for a few words about the past, present, and future of the library. Then stay to celebrate and start this year's summer reading challenge! Join us in Town Center Plaza for games, treats, a giant inflatable slide, and more. Pick up your reading log to begin earning great prizes this summer. We'll be in Town Center Plaza closest to the Library and the YMCA, near the Storybook Walk. Event will be moved to the library meeting room if inclement weather occurs.

The library's full calendar of events can be found at [cozbylibrary.librarymarket.com](https://cozbylibrary.librarymarket.com).

## **Future Agenda Suggestions (No discussion or deliberation)**

## **Library Board Goals & Objectives**

1. Participate in the implementation of the Library's Strategic Plan
  - a. Library services reflect the Coppel community and its many facets.
  - b. Library services and information are conveniently accessible to all.
  - c. Library maintains a healthy network of partners throughout the Coppel community.
  - d. Library services are provided in an effective and sustainable manner.
2. Support and promote the Friends of the Coppel Public Library
3. Promote the Library by active individual participation in Library programs, outreach, and community events
  - a. Attend Library programs and Council meetings.
  - b. Represent the Library Board at City and civic events.
  - c. Actively use social media to market Library activities.

## **Our Vision**

The Cozby Library and Community Commons is the heart of the community where citizens are empowered to Imagine, Discover, Engage and Achieve in an environment that cultivates curiosity, collaboration, and creativity.

## **Our Mission**

We serve our community by helping our citizens develop their talents, acquire knowledge, embrace their passions, and fulfill their dreams.