

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Library Advisory Board

**FROM:** Dennis Quinn, Director of Library Services

**DATE:** Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**SUBJECT:** February Director's Report

Greetings Boardmembers! At the time of writing, Coppell—like most of North Texas—is still under a blanket of snow, sleet, and ice. I hope that you and yours have been able to stay safe and warm during this week's winter weather.

We will hold our February Board meeting next Thursday evening, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Meeting Rooms at the Library.

### **Workload Indicators**

The Library and other City facilities have been closed since yesterday morning due to inclement weather and hazardous road conditions. A late opening is being planned for tomorrow. Staff have been working in conjunction with the City's communications team to keep the public updated on Library services through the weather event.

Statistics through January 2022 are still being compiled and will be presented at the meeting next Thursday. Data collected thus far shows circulation and room reservations increased over December 2021, with computer and Wi-Fi usage generally holding steady. In general, most metrics are continuing upward trends observed over the past 12 months.

### **Programs and Events**

January program highlights included the return of weekly storytimes to the Storytime Room. Initial attendance was low but storytimes are now seeing an average of 30-40 attendees per event. Passive programs continue to be well-received, with Chinese New Year activity bags depleted and the Virtual Storytime Room seeing 84 visits over the month. Adult programs included series on bird wildlife and crocheting. The latest episode of the "Meet Your Neighbor" series, focusing on lives of veterans, was scheduled to take place on January 8, but was postponed out of precaution due to a surge in COVID-19 cases. A future date will be announced.

Notable February programs include a Valentine's Family Storytime (Feb 8<sup>th</sup>), an Adulting program on healthy relationships (Feb 21<sup>st</sup>), and a come-and-go Crochet gathering called "Crochet Hook Up" (Feb 28<sup>th</sup>). The Library continues its array of regularly recurring programs for various ages, including STEAM Club, Homeschool Hangout, book clubs, Writer's Group, storytimes, Teen LitBoxes, and two citizen-led programs, Math SAT Prep, and Diverse Book Club.

## Agenda Overview

- Reconsideration Request: The Board will discuss a citizen request for reconsideration of the book *Gender Queer*, by Maia Kobabe. Copies of the request form and of the response from the staff review are included as attachments to the agenda.
- Minutes: The Board will consider approval of minutes from the meeting of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Update on Strategic Planning Process: The Board will receive an update on the Strategic Planning process.
- Reports: The Board will receive reports from Youth Advisors, Board members, and the Friends of the Coppel Public Library.

## Library Board Goals & Objectives

1. Participate in the implementation of the strategic plan
  - a. When needed, recruit volunteers to assist with programs or Library services
  - b. Identify potential community partners
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*