

## **Library Advisory Board 2024 Accomplishments and 2025 Objectives**

### **Accomplishments, 2024:**

- Discussed and evaluated the possibility of a more robust integrated library system (ILS): deemed not within current budget constraints
- Kept abreast of collection development activities of the Library staff and provided recommendations regarding further development and stewardship of a collection of resources relevant to the community
- Continued to discuss possible changes to Library Fine Policy including potential move to eliminating overdue fines as many other libraries and library systems across North America have done
- Provided feedback and recommendations to the Library Director regarding certain proposed Library policy changes including the Library's book challenge policy and procedures
- Supported the painting of a new Library mural; kept abreast of developments regarding the public arts policy being drafted by Broward County experts as contracted by the City
- Adjusted to reduction in Library Advisory Board members from 7 to 5, welcomed new members and elected executives of the Board

### **Objectives, 2025:**

- Propose and organize an annual meeting of the independent municipal libraries across Broward County
- Discuss, brainstorm and propose new channels, means and processes in growing awareness of Library services throughout the community; utilize existing communications tools of the City (e.g. social media accounts) to market the services, resources, programs and technologies available to the public
- Support Library Director in requesting and participating in Wilton Manors neighborhood association meetings to present and promote the many in-person and online services available to residents
- Continue to recommend strategies regarding enhancing communications with all schools in the area to promote Library programs and invite partnerships
- Attend meetings of the Neighborhood Associations not visited the previous year(s) to promote the Library and grow awareness of services available to the community
- Request a spot on a City Commission agenda in spring of 2025 to give an update on services and resources available, challenges and expected trends, and recommendations for further service enhancement
- Continue with investigation into viability and cost/benefit analysis of potentially eliminating Library overdue fines; propose such if deemed prudent
- Continue to provide support and suggestions to the Library Director regarding his goal of increasing and enhancing program offerings especially in regard to teen and senior audiences