

Damascus Library Advisory Committee
Meeting of June 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by chair Pam Hosimer at 7:00 pm. Present were regional supervisor Adrienne Miles Holderbaum, board liaison Holly Fiery, Karen Miller, and secretary Donna Bangor. We welcomed new branch supervisor Laura Bechtel. The committee could not approve the minutes of the March 14 meeting because a quorum was not present. We have no new members.

Laura reported April and May events were successful with a total of 510 participants. Two book clubs, daytime and evening, are meeting regularly, and the Bluegrass Jam meets once a month on Tuesday evenings for informal music sessions. Children may sign up for the summer reading program, All Together Now, beginning on June 15. They may earn three badges: Animal All-Star, Kindness Rock Star, and Planeteer.

Holly will meet with the Board tomorrow evening, June 14, and request that they permit us to postpone our committee's election of chair and secretary until our September meeting. Holly will email the committee members with notes of the Board meeting and the director's report. Holly let us know that the "renovation" of the Circulation and Policies pages of the MCPL website is ongoing. She thanked Jennifer Marcano for detailed comments. All MCPL is pleased that the budget request went through. The director and her staff worked hard to make sure the needs of the community are met.

Donna and Pam will look into outdoor benches to be placed at the library in memory of Gail Davidson. We will let Adrienne and Laura know of our choices.

The Damascus Library/Senior Center refresh is scheduled for 2025. The Celebrate Damascus parade will be held on July 7, with all staff and LAC invited to participate. The process for the Damascus Chapter of FOL to become a part of FOLMC is ongoing. Volunteers cannot begin to sell books again until the transfer is made. Donna suggests that if anyone has books to donate, contact her and she will store them until the sale gets under way again. Pam will publish the Damascus LAC calendar of meetings for the 2023-24 year during the September meeting, at which time we will hold elections for chair and secretary.