

Damascus Library Advisory Committee

Meeting of September 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by chair Pam Hosimer. Present were regional supervisor Steven Warrick, branch supervisor Laura Bechtel, Marie Dean, and secretary Donna Bangor.

Because of Damascus branch refresh, Steve suggested that we only meet when we have topics for discussion, such as the progress of the refresh. He has not received any updates but will keep us apprised of any changes. He also noted that next year is the 75th anniversary of MCPL. Marie expressed concern that the Damascus community has not been kept well informed about library events. Senior Center attendees are also affected by the improvements at our building and do not have means to keep up to date with branch activities and events other than the Damascus page of the MCPL website. She stressed that socializing with peers is important for all age groups. Steve suggested, and the committee discussed, some ways to distribute information to residents and to advocate for the importance of the library system:

MoCo podcast that could include information about our activities;

Notices on the Damascus Facebook site;

Notices on NextDoor;

Flyers put up at local sites, including retail and restaurant locations.

The committee voted that Pam Hosimer be elected chair and Donna Bangor secretary for the 2025-26 year.

Our schedule for the 2025-2026 year:

*All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month on Zoom from 7:00-8:00 pm, unless otherwise announced. **Note that meetings will only be held when topics for discussion arise.***

September 9; October 14 and/or Joint Meeting; November 11 (Veteran's day NO MTG); December 9; January 13 or 14 (Joint Meeting II); February 10; March 10; April 14; May 12 [no formal meeting – optional tour of another library]; June 9. No meetings scheduled in July and August. **NOTE:** We usually attend County Executive's Upcounty Forums, dates TBA. (Forums were previously in January)

Please contact Steven Warrick at Steven.Warrick@montgomerycountymd.gov for help with the Zoom link to each meeting.