

Germantown LAC Minutes - September 25, 2023

In attendance:

Adrienne Miles-Holderbaum (Regional Manager)

Janice Levine (liaison from the Library Board)

Aditi Singh (Chair/Secretary)

Spencer Hines (LAC member)

Cindy Styles (LAC member)

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the chair Aditi Singh.

2. Reports

a) Uzo Onyemaechi - Branch Supervisor. This report was shared by Adrienne Miles Holderbalm.

Collections are still being updated. The book bundles are very popular.

We lost three employees over the summer (one to retirement, one library assistant I due to transfer to collection management, one library assistant I due to resignation).

Elevators were down all summer, but they have been back up and running for the last few weeks.

30,502 people entered Germantown Library in the month of August. We are also leading with Door Count.

Summer Reading Challenge - Germantown Library had the highest number of sign-ups. The Friends of Library Book Sale in September was successful.

Children's Services will be dialed back at this time due to staffing. We are looking to hire a part-time library associate at this time.

Outdoor storytime during summer was stopped due to weather conditions.

Drag story hour being hosted 10/1 at 2 PM. Rainbow coalition will be helping facilitate this event.

COVID-19 home kits and masks are still being handed out at the library.

b) Library Board Liaison - Janice Levine.

Blood control kits have been placed in every branch. Training was provided to staff.

October 12th, Thursday from 7-8:30 PM will be the joint meeting with FOLMC in Rockville. It will be virtual.

New HR director - Alana Robinson.

Summer challenge saw over 14000 participants, which was 1000 more than last year.

Hispanic Heritage Contemporary Conversation Program 10/11 will be held in RV Memorial Library, featuring Tony Medina.

10/9 all libraries closed due to staff day.

Vinyl day in Silver Spring last month was successful, and it will be held again next year.

Collection policy has been updated on the website.

11/15 will be an introduction to a chair and secretary - zoom meeting to connect new and old chairs and learn more about different LACs.

Bookmark for LAC was successful. They will be producing more bookmarks with a consistent background.

The LAC handbook is being updated by Janice – members can send her recommendations on potential changes.

4. New Business

There is a reorganization of regional managers, and Adrienne will be the new regional manager for the Rockville area (RV, Aspen Hill, Twinbrook, Davis). Steve Warrick will be the new regional manager for GT and will be present for future meetings.

Adrienne will add Aditi as an administrator to the LAC Germantown Library Google Group, so she can add everyone in the LAC to it and consolidate an email link to send to everyone.

Cindy asked about teen programming. Adrienne talked about Teen-tober and the various programs available for teens on the website. Mark is the teen librarian that we can reach out to about specific events. Aditi will reach out to Mark to start a young adults fiction book club at Germantown.

Aditi will reach out to both Vedika and Esther about if they are still interested in being in the LAC for the upcoming year.

5. We discussed the schedule for the upcoming year. We will continue meeting the last Monday of every month between 7:15-8:15 PM. There will be no meeting in December due to Christmas Day, and no meeting in May due to Memorial Day.

September 25, 2023 7:15-8:15 PM	In-Person Meeting at Germantown Library.
October 30, 2023 7:15-8:15 PM	Virtual on Zoom.
November 27, 2023 7:15-8:15 PM	Virtual on Zoom.
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER	
January 29, 2024 7:15-8:15 PM	Virtual on Zoom.
February 26, 2024 7:15-8:15 PM	Virtual on Zoom.
March 25, 2024 7:15-8:15 PM	In-Person Meeting at Germantown Library.
April 29, 2024 7:15-8:15 PM	Virtual on Zoom.
NO MEETING IN MAY	
June 24, 2024 7:15-8:15 PM	In-Person Meeting at Germantown Library.

6. Meeting adjourned 8:00