Regional Manager's Report

Facilities Report:
- All facilities have been OK - no updates

Staffing Update:
- Fully staffed, no changes

Programming Update:

- Winter Journey
- Dance children's program was popular
- Plenaire in the garden: first time this program had been held
- Upcoming:
  - Dream journaling for teens
  - DIY stain glass June 7
  - Jazz trio for Juneteenth June 15
  - Radical Reptiles (Childrens program) June 22
  - Awesome Animal Ambassadors June 25
  - Storytelling with Mama B at end of month
  - Backyard composting demonstration end of June
    - Compost bins are distributed here: spike at beginning and end of summer
    - Lots of interest
  - Author talk with Carol Douglas
    - Reforestation, for adults
  - Found in the Stars, and Rockin Read 25th and 26th of June
  - Teen Summer Reading sign-up ongoing, and will start on June 14
    - Childrens staff has been doing outreach at local schools
    - Teen Library Associate has been doing outreach at local middle and high schools
      - Less engagement there but the outreach still happens
    - Raffle prizes, no events
  - Adult Summer Reading (1st year) [sign-up ongoing through Read-Squared]:
    - Can earn tickets for raffle prizes
    - 5 events (held in community, not in a branch): farmers market, trivia night at 7Locks
      - Some after-hours events held in library: mocktails, drag bingo night
    - There's an app!
- Art program question: Would participants want their artwork displayed?
  - Display space is usually booked out in advance, but Kate will check

Collections question
- If you are interested in a book, how do you request?

- There is a form online that can be submitted, and MCPL will notify you when it has been purchased
- If there is a particular topic that you think is underrepresented at the library, you can submit feedback on the MCPL website directed to the Collections Management division
- Specifically for world language books, the budget was not approved
  - Feedback should be directed to the Montgomery County Council

Liaison's Report

- Board met May 8
- Many library board members met with County Councilmembers to request the budget
  - None of the enhancement budget was approved (world languages etc)
  - Will Jawando suggested that funding for the digital collection be rolled into operating budget and not enhancement budget
- Kate presented on the various branches she oversees
- Freedom to Read Act
  - MD State initiative that the state legislature passed
  - Protection at the county level and in schools, for books of all ideas to be represented
- Grace is on the search committee for the library director
  - Position closed May 12
  - Applications being reviewed, and interviews will be conducted throughout the summer
  - Interim director yet to be named, after current director steps down

Old Business

- Question from last meeting
  - Is one of the functions of the LAC to bring concerns? Some LAC have Public Comment on the agenda - can add to next time

New Business

- Elections: June 26
  - LAC Chair Responsibilities
    - Adhere to open meeting requirements by creating & posting agenda at least 24 hours in advance
    - Leads advocacy work on behalf of the LAC & branch
      - Advocacy as a group goes through the board
      - Chair usually spearheads budget advocacy
    - Keeping and updating roster of LAC
  - LAC Secretary Responsibilities

- - ■ Taking minutes during meeting and once they are approved, sending minutes to the director's team
  - Discuss schedule and format
    - Hybrid meetings? Can help with attendance
    - Later in the month works, after 2nd Wednesday of the month
      - 4th wednesday seems to work
      - 1x a month, skip July, August, November & December
      - Can a poll be added to the meeting reminders so people can mark their attendance, and meetings can be canceled if no quorum?
        - YES, will test this for June
  - Does the Kensington Historical Society interact with the library?
    - There isn't an existing relationship but Kate can look into it

<u>Adjournment</u>