

Little Falls Library Advisory Committee  
Meeting April 2, 2024

Irem Demirkan called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. The meeting was hybrid, with some members attending in person at the library and others attending on ZOOM.

Attending in person were:

Patrick Fromm, Regional Manager  
Candice Will, Library Board representative  
Tamara Zemlo  
Gerry Ostrove

Attending on ZOOM:

Irem Demirkan, Chair  
Hannah November  
Robert November  
Jane Mandelbaum  
Katherine Power (Kaki), new member  
Kathy Davies, Secretary

1. The minutes for the March 5, 2024 meeting were approved.
2. Regional Manager's Report.

The poster for the survey is up now. There are post-its available for comments. Irem asked that a photograph be shared. The post-its are removed and tallied at the end of the day. Patrick said that he would ask for help if needed.

Two librarian positions will need to be filled. The absence of these two librarians (one by transfer, one by retirement) will reduce the library's ability to have as many programs as it has been having. One full time library assistant has transferred into Little Falls. It is difficult to attract employees to Little Falls because of its location.

Library staff will participate in the summer reading program launch at Connie Morella Library.

### 3. Library Board Report.

Jaime Flores, MCPL Programming and Outreach Assistant Director, made a presentation to the Library Board at its last meeting. He reported that the Hatchlings program sold out this year and was a huge success. MCPL is in the process of hiring a new marketing director.

A search firm has been hired to find a replacement for Library Director Anita Vassallo, who is retiring.

The County budget shows an increase for MCPL. There has been an increase each year for the past three years.

### 4. Garden Club.

Tamara reports that the Garden Club is going to work on landscaping the lot in front of the parking lot. The Garden Club received a grant from Espoma. The rain barrels have arrived. They were paid for by Friends of the Library. Kaki will talk to the Westmoreland and Chevy Chase garden clubs to see if members would like to volunteer at the library.

### 5. Old Business.

Community Survey. Irem asked if the survey was ready to submit to the Library Board. Tamara suggested that we ask survey participants to identify their ages. Robert asked how the survey would be given out. Hannah asked how the information would be analyzed. Gerry asked if responders would be able to skip questions. Irem said that the survey was still in progress.

### 6. New Business.

The LAC does not have to do anything regarding the budget.

Connie Morella and Little Falls are giving out eclipse glasses. Hannah asked if Little Falls could give out information on how to make a pinhole box.

The Little Falls LAC will hold elections at its May 28th meeting to select a Chair and a Secretary. Irem is agreeable to remaining as chair and Kathy Davies would like to step down. If you are interested in either position, please contact Irem before May 28th.

There was a motion to adjourn at 7:33 pm.