

Sep 17, 2024 | 📅 Long Branch Library LAC Meeting

Attendees: Kate Scaife Diaz, Kiran Kochar-McCabe, nancy RIZOR, Patrick Fromm, James Verpiullot, Odilia Alvarez, Magda Jean

Notes

- Branch Manager's Report
 - Darcell Graham was interviewed by the County Council as part of the selection process for MCPL Director
 - Acknowledged the need to address ongoing safety and security across branches
 - Long Branch annual stats have declined slightly
 - Circulation was 15.8k in FY24, compared to 16k in FY23
 - Foot traffic was 27.6k in FY24, compared to 32.5k in FY23
 - Likely due to construction and difficulty of access
 - There is a new branch supervisor, Kara Ramsey, who joins from the McGee Library
 - LAC to connect Kara with CHEER to support outreach efforts
 - Construction - no anticipated end date yet on the shade constructions. Librarians note it has been very loud
- Board Liaison report - deferred until next meeting
- LAC Chair's report
 - The LAC will vote on the chair and secretary positions at the October meeting.
- Community Discussion
 - Concerns over vagrancy
 - Response: MoCo Police can issue citations for trespassing after hours. During business hours, report issues to the librarians to handle via MCPL processes.
 - Playground needs refurbishing, is not age appropriate
 - Response: The playground is MoCo Parks land and not in the library's jurisdiction
 - Need for a discovery room at Long Branch
 - Response: Discovery rooms are wonderful amenities, and they are spread across the county's libraries. It was determined that Long Branch would have a media and technology room. This room is due a refresh and has been underutilized.
 - LAC: Interest in engaging in a discussion of the best use of the media room at future meetings. Interest in partnering with FOLMC to raise funds for a discovery room.