

May 20, 2025 | [Long Branch Library LAC Meeting](#)

Hybrid – In Person and via Zoom

Long Branch Library

8800 Garland Avenue

2nd Floor Meeting Room

Via Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84622345224>

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ATTENDEES Douglas Tursman

Odilia Alvarez

Scot Schneider

Kara Ramsey - Branch Supervisor

Gina Arnett

Nancy Rizor

Magda Jean-Louis (Secretary)

Wilma Brier (Library Board Liaison)

Kate Sweeney, MCPL Regional Manager,

Kiran Kochar McCabe (Legislative Aide for the Office of Councilmember Kate Stewar)

QUORUM - Reached

Time Meeting Called to Order 7

Introductions

Approval of LAC Minutes from March

Table until next meeting (July)

REPORT by Kate Sweeney (MCPL Regional Manager)

Agency Manager's Report

Staffing - New Librarian 2 Adult hired at beginning of May - Head of Adult Services

Full time librarian 1 Adult vacancy

Waiting for interest in Volunteer Transfer Opportunity before posting vacancy

The canopy is back up

Elevator now open - took longer than anticipated - Emergency button was not working

Passed inspection on May 9

Family restroom on first floor sign now says all gender

The Information desk is lopsided - the sit-stand desk malfunctioned

Waiting for a part

Programming:

Superhero scavenger hunt

Lego construction

Stem program

Musical performance Mucha musica

Teen advisor board

Game on gaming program

Trending more tween than teen, but popular

Workshops on approaches to conflict

For adults -AARP tax aide program wrapped up in April
Getting ready for Summer Reading
3 locations - Closest location to Long Branch is Chevy Chase

Preregi started on April 15

Can start tracking everything on June 14
Adult Summer reading again this year - Very popular
Great prizes for adults
Odilia received email about it
Raffle for teens
Kids get guaranteed prize

REPORT by Wilma Brier (Library Board Liaison)

The Library Board met on May 14 (hybrid)
The shade canopy ceremony scheduled for June 1 at 2 pm
Would be nice if LAC committee could make it because supporting the library
Council members and State Delegates invited

Kiran got draft run of show
Pushing to community members

Local orgs like cheer and aim??

Mhp and Long Branch programming groups

The County Executive plans on being there
Council President Katie Stewart has family related travel that day
Kiran will be there
Other Council members invited
Kate has been asked to speak

Annie Tolkien (sp?) - Community member - has been asked to speak

Local civic associations
Jacob Newman's office is planning it

Directors' report - Darcell Graham was at the meeting
Preparing for and anticipating budget meeting
Expects approval by end of May
Prelim vote occurred
Final vote this Thursday
Ocean City Library conference attended by Graham (*MLA|DLA Annual Conference*)
Focus on library safety and AI
Toured 4 libraries outside of Montgomery County

- Carroll County exploration commons to learn how to cook and use 3d printer
- Elkridge Library of Things, tools, equipment
- Baltimore County children space aka Museum of Children
- ***Community center- has an e sports launch - gaming center - perhaps a library could do it?***

LAC networking event - June 25 at 7 pm at Kensington Park Branch
5 LACs are invited
Brigadier General, Long Branch, Wheaton, Noyes, Long Branch
Aim - to share ideas and get to know one another

Elections - Kate did 2 terms

So she can't run again

June 1 - must have election by then

Inquired if anyone interested in being Chair

Responsible for:

Keeping up with the roster

Keeping track of new people and welcoming them

Running the meeting

Putting together the agenda and sending out to Committee and Directors Office for posting on the website (to comply with open meetings requirement)

Use agenda template

COMMUNITY Discussion

Scot question - what is happening with the library budget? Flat or going up or cut?

Will IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) cuts impact?

Katrin: IMLS - provides direct funding to libraries thru grants, but not to us

They fund the MD State library so that might impact our ILL service speed from libraries as far as Garrett County - services used to take same time as closer library

Provide training, Professional Development funding

Not sure yet how it will impact us - not sure how Maryland State Library will be impacted yet

If Montgomery Library has to pay for certain services, that will impact

Marina - items mostly come from Community Colleges

Use OCLC - if Marina doesn't have item

Reluctant to talk about budget until final

Kiran - Committee and Council approved County Executive's budget

- The MCPL budget was increased 3.98% from last year, which is an increase of about \$2.1 million
- The total MCPL operating budget is about \$55 million for this fiscal year

Highlights- increase budget for digital resources

Increase for World languages collection

Might have to be adjusted based on Federal funding decisions

State decisions impact - State might need to reconvene in the Fall to deal with impact from Federal Govt

Keeping reserves at 11.2 percent

Douglas - asked about canopy ceremony

Kiran will ask Jacob Newman if refreshment will be available

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- March and May Meeting minutes approval
- Discussed canopy event
- Discover room for long branch -No new info about that
- Elections - Discussed - Table for next meeting

ACTION ITEMS

- Election for Chair
- Next meeting Tuesday July 15?
Usually LACs don't meet in July because of vacation

Kate Sweeney can't attend

Author of Meeting Minutes Magda

