

Noyes Library for Young Children
Library Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 11, 2025
7:30 p.m.
On Zoom

Present: Mary McCarthy, Chair; Lori McCarthy; Paulette Dickerson; Fran Rudolph; Kavita Mohan; Chris Leahy; Steven Warrick

Absent: Amanda Arkwright McCarthy; Mark Winek; Alexandra Dillon

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Chair Mary McCarthy. Mary introduced Fran Rudolph, a new member, and Steve Warrick, Acting Regional Manager. Former Regional Manager Katrin Sweeney is no longer with the library system.

The minutes for the May 8th meeting were approved.

Reports:

Chair Mary McCarthy had no report since this was her first meeting.

Acting Regional Manager Steve Warrick: Steve introduced himself and told the group a little about his background and current position. He is currently Regional Manager for a number of libraries primarily located in northern Montgomery County. He reported that the Noyes staff is carrying on with programs, and, as far as he knows, everything is going well. He expressed concern about access to the library and parking during the upcoming 5K race in Kensington. He will check in with Kensington City Hall for information.

Library Board Liaison Kavita Mohan: Kavita reported that the Library Board just had its first meeting of the 2025-2026 year. She mentioned that LAC reports are due at the end of September. There will be a joint meeting of the Board, LACs, and members of the community on October 8th. The topic will be How Library Collections Work. The meeting will be hybrid on Zoom and in person at the Twinbrook Library. There will be a Save the Date sent out with sign-up information. There are also plans for regional LAC events like one that was held in the spring and was a great success. At the Board meeting, there was no update on the Noyes renovations except that they are still happening. The Library Director introduced a new marketing team working on a program to get people to sign up for new library cards and receive a bumper sticker. The Director is starting on the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. The summer reading program was a great success.

Old Business:

Chair Mary McCarthy pointed out that some of the meeting dates decided upon by the committee in May were not accurate. The remaining meeting dates in 2025-2026 should be:

Thursday, November 13

Thursday, January 8

Thursday, March 12

Thursday, May 14

The change was moved and seconded.

The Chair brought up the topic of tabling - setting up a table at a Noyes event in order to give out information about the LAC and recruit new members, and also to receive feedback from the community about library operations and programs. Paulette suggested that the best time to do it is during the good weather. Kavita suggested that anyone interested in the LAC should be invited to sit in on a meeting to find out what is involved. Mary will send out dates of upcoming programs and request volunteers. She has a table that can be used.

New Business:

Paulette reminded everyone about the email she sent describing the upcoming series of community conversations with County Executive Marc Elrich about budget priorities. Paulette thinks he really listens. The meetings will be hybrid as well as in-person.

Public Comment: no members of the public were present.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Leahy
Secretary