

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Olney Library Advisory Committee Meeting
Virtual via Zoom -- March 16, 2021

Attending: Nina Uzick (Co-Chair), Audrey Partington (Secretary), Jan Baird-Adams (Olney Branch Manager), Max Handelsman, Walter Lee, Madeline Lyon, Tim Lighter (MCPL Board Liaison)

Absent: Maria Caswell (Co-Chair), Elfrida O'Reilly-Campbell, Jensen Chiu

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. The minutes from February 16, 2021, were approved.

1. Library Manager's Report: Jan Baird-Adams reported that MCPL is considering a phased, limited reopening of its branches in the wake of the pandemic. Further word on this will come from the Executive Director's office.

a. Staffing: At this time, 7 staff members remain out due to the pandemic, and one has been detailed. Pages should be returning to work soon, which will help get through the backlog. A member of the outreach staff is now working 2.5 days a week and weekends, on rotation.

b. Facilities: A work order has been placed to repair the narrow separation poles in the parking lot, which had been knocked over.

c. Services: The library staff continues to be very busy processing "Holds to Go," along with other services. The Maryland General Assembly plans to support libraries in the matter of e-book licenses and distribution of digital content to libraries.

d. Programming: Plans are being made for the Summer Reading Program. A new tracking program will allow participants to record what they have read.

2. MCPL Board Liaison Report: Tim Lighter reported that the Library submitted its budget updates to the County Council. It is a maintenance budget – the same as last year's budget. RB Digital was bought by Overdrive. MCPL's new Integrated Library System (ILS) will be implemented in October 2021.

3. Upcoming Events: County Council member Will Jawando will hold a Digital Town Hall from Olney Library via Zoom on April 8 from 5:30-7 pm. The Friends of the Library will hold a virtual After Hours Gala on April 10.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next LAC meeting is scheduled to be held on Zoom at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20.