

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Olney Library Advisory Committee Meeting
Virtual via Zoom – March 15, 2022**

Attending: Maria Caswell (Co-Chair), Nina Uzick (Co-Chair), Audrey Partington (Secretary), Jensen Chiu, Max Handelsman, Walter Lee, Madeline Lyon, Kate Sweeney (Olney Branch Manager), Tim Lighter (MCPL Board Liaison)

Absent: Elfrida O'Reilly-Campbell

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: The meeting began at 7:05 p.m. The Feb. 15, 2022, minutes were approved.

1. Library Manager's Report: Kate Sweeney provided the following report.

a. Staffing: The FT Adult Librarian 2 position has been filled. The new PT Circulation staff member will begin in late March. Both new staff members have previously worked at the Olney Library. Volunteers are back on board, as of mid-February.

b. Programming: In February, 13 programs were held, with 210 participants. There will be a return to some in-person programs, beginning in April. These include Read to a Dog, Quilting, and Bone Builders. The FOLMC will sponsor three programs: Energy Express, Aquarium, and a music program featuring Groovy Nate. The Olney FOL will sponsor a virtual author talk on March 30 (Georgia Hunter, "We Were the Lucky Ones").

c. Services: There were 13,694 check-outs in February. Distribution of Covid-19 home test kits and masks are now "Grab and Go" during library hours, which doesn't require staff members to oversee the distribution. MCPL branches are not yet accepting used books, but donations can be made at the two MCPL bookstores.

d. Facilities: Hours of operation were expanded to include Sundays, 10 am- 6 pm, as of February 27, 2022.

3. MCPL Board Liaison Report: Tim Lighter sent out the MCPL Director's report to the Olney LAC in advance of this meeting. The MCPL Board is fully staff. The Board has been briefed on the county's "Racial Equity and Social Justice" initiative. The MCPL Outreach Team has a new van.

4. New Business: None at this time.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The LAC will not meet in April due to the holidays. The next LAC meeting is scheduled to be held on Zoom at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.