

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES**  
**Olney Library Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Virtual via Zoom – May 21, 2024**

**Attending:** Ursula Gorham (Chair), Audrey Partington (Secretary), Jean Galleher, Max Handelsman, Walter Lee, Joe Napolitano, Harry Needleman, Eric Carzon (Regional Manager), Tim Lighter (MCPL Board Liaison)

**Absent:** Maria Caswell, Madeline Lyon, Nina Uzick

**Call to Order, Approval of Minutes:** The meeting began at 7:05 p.m. The April minutes were approved.

**Introductions:** Joe Napolitano, a new Olney LAC member, introduced himself to the committee, who, in turn, introduced themselves. Joe resides at Cadence and is interested in bringing library services to the assisted living community. He noted that the director of Cadence is supportive of that effort. He is also interested in technologies, such as 3D printers, which are available in some library systems in Maryland, but not currently in MCPL.

**1. Regional Manager's Report:** Eric reported the following highlights from a written update, which he provided to the LAC in advance of the meeting.

**a. Facilities:** A roofing contractor found and patched the spot where squirrels were getting into the building. DGS provided some pilot LED lights, which are much brighter, and will continue to install more of them throughout the library.

**b. Programs:** The following were among the most popular programs offered in May:

- Taiko Japanese drumming (62 participants on May 18)
- Take and Make Cactus Handprint (100 participants on May 19)
- Lego and meet-up day (62 participants on May 17)
- Music and Movement (98 participants on May 7)
- Ongoing senior programs included Bone Builders weekly and Senior Technology programs monthly

**c. Staffing:** The Olney branch is fully staffed.

**3. MCPL Board Liaison Report:** Tim Lighter reported that County Executive Marc Elrich made some cuts to the proposed budget in a closed-door Budget Reconciliation meeting. These included the proposed expansion of World languages items for the collection (Chinese and Spanish). Funds will be allotted to the construction of the Clarksburg Library. The Library Board has met with most members of the County Council, requesting support for the county's libraries. He also reported that there are seven applications for the Library Board, including his re-application. A full Board should be in place within a month.

**4. New Business:** The annual Volunteer Appreciation event will be held at the branch at 1:00 on Saturday, May 25. Olney LAC members are invited to attend and be recognized for their service.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next virtual LAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18. LAC Officers will be elected at the June meeting.