

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES**  
**Olney Library Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Virtual via Zoom – June 17, 2025**

**Attending:** Ursula Gorham (Chair), Audrey Partington (Secretary), Max Handelsman, Walter Lee, Madeline Lyon, Dianne Whitaker (Regional Manager), Tim Lighter (Library Board liaison)

**Absent:** Maria Caswell, Harry Needleman, Nina Uzick

**Call to Order, Approval of Minutes:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. The May minutes were approved.

**1. Regional Manager's Report:** Dianne Whitaker provided the update below.

**a. Facilities:** The Olney Library's new building manager is Bill Banks. Lighting installations will be done on June 19 when the library will be closed to the public for Juneteenth holiday. This will involve replacing existing hanging lights over the computers with LED lights. Older computers used by staff were replaced with newer, more secure models. Annual HVAC maintenance was done. Two potholes in the parking lot were filled in.

**b. Programs:** The Summer Reading Program began this week, with a kick-off at Twinbrook Library. The Children's Department staff visited Olney, Sherwood, and Belmont Elementary Schools. In addition to all of its regular children's programs, the Olney library offered a water safety, and kids water safety program presented by the Coast Guard. Enrollment is increasing in group and one-on-one computer classes. The library offered a Medicare program and a financial literacy seminar. Quilting Divas and the English Literacy Circle are on break for the summer. A Mahjong group will be offered (date and time to be arranged).

**c. Collections:** The Collections Manager visited Olney Library on June 17.

**d. Staffing:** A new library aide (a transfer from Wheaton Library) began on June 16. A new page also began working this week.

**2. MCPL Board Liaison Report:** Tim Lighter reported that the county's library budget, which recently passed, is up by 3.98 percent over the previous year. The includes an increase for collections. MCPL is third in the nation for audiobook check-outs. Grace Manubay is the new chair of the Library Board. She served as Vice Chair for 3 years. The Library Board's new manual is on the MCPL website, and the new LAC Handbook will soon be online. The LACs for Kensington, Wheaton, Noyes, Brigadier General McGee, and Longbranch will hold a networking event on June 25.

**3. New Business:** Election of officers was discussed. Audrey will continue to serve as LAC Secretary. Current Chair Ursula Gorham will reach out to Maria to ask if she will serve as Chair for 2025-2026.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:40. The LAC will not meet during the summer. The next meeting will be held (virtually) on September 16 at 7 p.m.