

MARILYN J. PRAISNER LIBRARY
LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 15th, 2021 7:00 PM

Members present: Aliya Abbas (Chairperson), Collis Crews (Secretary), Vicky Taheri Others Present: Tina Deifallah (Branch Manager), Laura Briskin-Limehouse (Board Rep)

Note: One guest attended for all or part of the meeting.

1. Call to order - 7:09

- Minutes from Thursday, April 15, 2021 were reviewed and approved

2. Reports

- Library Board Liaison Report
 - I. The board will not meeting from July through September 2021
 - II. Reminder to elect leaders for next year

3. Agency Manager's Report

I. **Collection**

1. More materials are flowing between the branch and it's users.
2. Foot traffic is rising to an average of 300 to 500 users per day.
3. Koha ILS- a committee is preparing training for staff to test the platform; full migration will take place in October

II. **Facility**

1. The Praisner Branch was closed on Monday, July 12th due to the rising heat in the building, but the problem was fixed before Tuesday.
2. Recent leaks in the Women's restroom due to a HVAC valve issue have also since been fixed.

III. **Programming** -Still waiting on approval for in person programming. Issues affecting this are staffing, scheduling, and a continuum of select programs on virtual platforms.

IV. **Services**

1. On August 2, meeting rooms will be open. July 26 will be the first day that the public can start booking these rooms.
2. Discovery rooms to open Aug 2.
3. Toys and interactive displays will be placed back in the public areas.
4. New toys and equipment for the discovery rooms are in the process of being ordered.
5. The branch will be participating in Burtonsville Day on September 25th.
6. A soft rollout of Northstar Digital Literacy, a free resource that allows users to test digital literacy skills, achieve certificates in those skills, and offers

test proctoring, took place in July. It will be full throttle some time in the Fall.

7. Book selling may start back in the Fall in the halls of the branch.

4. Unfinished Business

- None

5. New Business

- Dates for remaining meetings:
 - September 23, 2021
 - November 18, 2021
 - January 20, 2022
 - March 17, 2022
 - May 19, 2022
 - July 21, 2022
- A question was raised about the likelihood of in person LAC meetings in the near future. The committee was informed that this decision will come from the Library Board.

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:37