



Marilyn J. Praisner
Library Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Hybrid and In-Person

Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89656839689>

Meeting ID: 896 5683 9689

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dianne Whitaker (Regional Manager, Ex-Officio) | <input type="checkbox"/> Aliya Abbas |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melanye Johnson (MCPL Board Liaison) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robin Dennis |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Johnna Mahoney (LAC Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Aceituno |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natasha Dahl (LAC Secretary) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sam (CVS manager) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Nia Miller |

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1. Call to order @ 7:03 PM
 2. Approval of July 2025 LAC Minutes - tabled
 3. Reports
 - a. Membership Report - no news to report
 - b. Regional Manager's Report
 - i. Facilities - nothing big to report. New contracts came today to replace stained and damaged tiles. Few cleaning issues (dirty desks and paper). They know the AC should not be turned off until October.
 - ii. Collections -
 - iii. Programs
 1. Upcoming highlights: hooks and needles now meeting weekly 5-6. One attendee volunteered to facilitate. Star watching beginning in November (?) in partnership with Howard County, registration required. LinkedIn bootcamp has high demand. Pre-school play and learn runs every other Wed (3-5 year olds) focus on development and school preparedness. Upcoming - teen taxidermy. Adult only crafts. Children: Frida Kahlo for Hispanic heritage month. New vendor for books. CD book collections will have more space because there is less demand.
 2. Outreach:
 - iv. Staffing - Library Assistant II Carol Gluckman transferred into vacant Library Assistant I position.

- v. Outreach
 - 1. Activities cart by information desk. Card games, board games.
 - 2. Renewal of cards? (hard for people that don't live in MoCo.)
 - 3. Burtonsville day this weekend. LAC will have a table.
- c. Library Board Liaison Report -
 - i. Board meeting last Wednesday and circulated the Director's report.
 - ii. The director was there with business ops and 2 other staff. Working on FY27 budget.
 - iii. Other branch facilities in report.
 - iv. Outreach van at Rockville, it's electric.
 - v. New month joint meeting, LAC, Friends of library
 - vi. Grace M new chair
 - vii. Elrich is doing community events
 - viii. LAC reports YE report due Sept 30. There is a template on the website.
 - ix. The library board is facilitating LAC meetings. Opportunity for LACs to share experiences and information.
 - x. Old business - someone going to Aspen Hill branch
- 4. Unfinished Business
 - a. Meeting dates for next year -
 - i. Next meeting: October 2025 - need to ensure notices are on the website's calendar
 - ii. 3rd Thursday at 7PM - Diane has concerns suggest tabling Oct meeting
 - iii. Pencil Nov 20th
- 5. New Business
 - a. Selling books at the table? - nothing communicated to staff
- 6. Meeting adjourned @ 7:26 PM