

Wheaton Library Advisory Committee Meeting – October 28, 2019 – 7:30 PM



Attendees: Elaine Myada (Co-chair), Beth Angerman (MCLB), Thelda McMillian, Adeline Louie, Paula Posas, Carolyn Teich, Yesvy Gustasp, Carol Bender, Adaline Louie, and Dianne Whitaker (Ex-officio -- Wheaton Interim Library Manager).

- I. Elaine called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The September 2019 minutes were approved.
- II. Library Manager's Report to the Wheaton LAC – presented by Dianne Whitaker
Facilities-

Facilities

The Wheaton Library staff and community are settling into the new building. The building is still in transition from the contractor to Montgomery County Government. There are items still being finished, corrected and adjusted. The library is functioning as it should. Items that have been or are in the process of being adjusted or finished include: electric shades, AV equipment, and interior doors. The larger property has many items still being finished including parking areas, signage, concrete work, the park finishes and other items not in the library. There have been three incidents with the exterior book drop edges and two incidents with the steps in the parking garage. Remedies are being created for both of these concerns.

Collection

Approximately 60 percent of the children's collection is now in circulation. Some areas of the children's collection: graphic novels and picture books are seeing even higher circulation rates. The adult non-fiction area is seeing good circulation: approximately 30-40 percent of the collection is circulation. Adult Fiction is seeing less circulation than other areas of the collection. We are working with the Assistant Director for Facilities and the Assistant Director for Collections and Technology to bring additional materials to the branch.

Programs

We are focusing our programming on The County Executives "Turn the Curve Objectives". MCPL is focusing on the following objectives: Thriving Youth and Families, A Growing Economy and Effective Sustainable Government.

Increasing participation in adult programs and increasing the offerings of Adult programs particularly Workforce Development will be one target for this year. To this end, Wheaton library has offered Computer Essentials with Senior Planet providing the training during October. Census 2020 Job Information session was held on October 24, 2019. There will be two Spanish language based programs in November one sponsored by Montgomery College Hispanic

Business Institute on November 18, 2019 and the other by the Hispanic Economic Development Forum on November 14, 2019. There will be another Census 2020 Job information session on November 5, 2019. There will also be a stand alone workshop presented by Senior Planet, Job Searching in the Digital Age. We are also hosting a free community lecture presented by a local doctor on women's health on November 21, 2019.

Finally, FOLMC is hosting Joshua Johnson host of NPR's 1A on Saturday November 2, 2019. This Contemporary Conversation program will be at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall upstairs. The library will be closed but the Recreation Center will be open.

We are looking to partner with other county agencies including: Recreation, Parks and HHS for additional programs in the coming months. Our children's programs are focusing on outreach to local preschool and elementary schools in addition to many in-house programs such as Baby Storytime, Toddler Storytime, Sensory Storytime and Bi-lingual Spanish Storytime.

Services

Wheaton library now has two copier/printers. The second machine was installed last week on October 19, 2019. Over 4000 library cards were issued during the first six weeks of operation. We do not have a date for the opening of the café. Holds are being sent and Wheaton is participating in interlibrary loan. In-house lap top use is very popular among the teens using the facility and some adults.

Other Issues

Some problems with teenagers eating in the library. Drinks are okay, but no food. Patrons can eat in the lobby. A few students were talked to because they would not comply with the no food policy.

- III. MCLB Report presented by Beth Angerman:
The board met October 23 and welcomed five new members.

There was a presentation on the fundraising progress for the Noyes Children's Library. The committee has raised \$800K, but needs another \$800K.

The joint library board meeting was held on November 6, 2019, at the Wheaton Library.

The board's next meeting will be November 6.

- IV. New Business

The next meetings will be held on 12/16/19, 1/27/20, 2/24/20, 3/16/20, 4/20/20, 5/18/20, & 6/15/20 at 7:30 PM at the Wheaton Library