

Wheaton Library Advisory Committee Meeting – January 27, 2020 – 7:30 PM



Attendees: Jessica French (Co-chair), April Rivers (secretary), Thelda McMillian, Carolyn Teich, Andrew Rein, Carol Bender, Yesvy Gustasp, Diana Dubrawsky, Adeline Louie, and Dianne Whitaker (Ex-officio -- Wheaton Library Manager).

- I. Jessica called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM due to library parking was difficult. The October and December 2019 minutes were approved.
- II. Library Manager's Report to the Wheaton LAC – presented by Dianne Whitaker

Facilities

As of this writing the Wheaton Library and Community Recreation is still in the process of turning over from the contractor to Montgomery County Government. There is a short list of items the contractor needs to finish. Some items such as the computer desks and window shades have been damaged and are scheduled for repair; however, items are under warranty. On a positive note the final acrylic protection has been installed in the circles sculpture. Additional magazine shelving has been installed and the self-service holds area has been expanded.

Collection

Collection Development has ordered and Wheaton is now receiving additional children's materials. Many popular titles are coming in. The children's staff re-located the Seasonal Books and graphic novels.

February adult book displays will be Black History and Love Stories and Heart Health.

Wheaton is continuing to wait for items to be delivered from storage. A timeline on the final delivery still has not been set. Overdrive changed from the Maryland E-Library Consortium to Montgomery County Public Library as a stand-alone participant on January 6, 2020.

Programs

Wheaton library will be sponsoring two special programs in honor of Library Lovers Month.

There will be a film showing on Saturday February 15, 2020- "Offbeat Love Stories for Grown-ups" (Possible film "Harold and Maude". There will also be a Love Your Library Craft program on Friday February 14, 202 from 3:00-5:00 pm.

There will be a Black History Month program on Thursday February 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm,-Great Escapes: Journeys on Maryland's Underground Railroad.

There will also be a special book signing and presentation by Andrea Chamblee; "The Capital of Basketball: a History of DC Area High School Basketball by John McNamara. John McNamara

was one of the Capital Gazette Reporters slain last year. The presentation is co sponsored with the Kemp Mill Village and will be held on Wednesday February 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

A new chess club for teens and adults has started on the first Tuesday of the month.

For Children we will be hosting InterAct Story Theatre on Sunday February 9, 2020 in addition to many in-house programs such as Baby Storytime, Toddler Storytime, Sensory Storytime and Pajama Storytime.

We are looking at two additional Sunday programs for young children later in the Spring.

Services

Wheaton library continues to be a popular destination. There have been five tours provided in January. At least four more are anticipated in February. The children's staff has a regular outreach commitment to MacDonald Knolls Early Childhood Center, the first public preschool in the county.

In addition, we are working with Montgomery County Department of Recreation to increase Senior Programs. Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center is now operating a Senior Center including weekday meals. Keffa Café has now been named the vendor for the new coffee shop in the lobby. An opening date is planned for Spring.

The plumbing in the family restroom in the children's area is fixed. Staff is waiting for a lock to be installed. The lock is necessary because the toilet was being used as a garbage can.

Diane discussed the various apps used to download e-books: Overdrive is an older app. Libby and the Cloud Library are newer. RB Digital is for magazines and audio books. Acorn TV features Great Courses and Concerts.

Questions from committee members: (1) How long do the lights in the facility stay on after closing? (2) The mini traffic circle by the parking garage is confusing. Drivers are not properly going around. New signs will be installed and the circle painted. (3) Why aren't the 15, 000 titles that were sent to storage in the library? A suggestion was made for committee members to contact their neighborhood list serves and have patrons send a letter to Anita Vassallo, the MC Director of Libraries.

III. MCLB Report presented by Beth Angerman:

Not present

IV. New Business

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