

## Wheaton Library Advisory Committee Meeting – September 15, 2020 – 7:30 PM

### Online via Microsoft Teams



**Attendees:** Jessica French (Co-chair), April Rivers (secretary), Carolyn Teich, Thelda McMillian, Carol Bender, Yesvy Gustasp, Laura Cooper, and Dianne Whitaker (Ex-officio -- Wheaton Library Manager).

- I. Jessica called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
- II. July minutes were approved, as amended
- III. Library Manager's Report to the Wheaton LAC – presented by Dianne Whitaker

#### Facilities:

The Wheaton library had plumbing issues in August 2020. These are resolved. The Wheaton Recreation Center is serving as a COVID-19 testing site two days a week as of September 15, 2020. In addition, the Wheaton Community Recreation Center will serve as a polling place in the upcoming General Election. Dates for reopening the facility for classes, programs, general library functions are still unknown at this time.

Library hours are: M, W, F, & Sat = 10 – 6. Tuesday and Thursday = 10 – 8. Sunday = 1-5.

#### Collection:

Holds to Go is a successful operation at the Wheaton branch. Wheaton is one of the top circulating branches in the system. Leased books are used to fill waiting lists (holds).

Programs – Family story times are successful. The 9:00 AM family story times have regular attendance of 60 to 120 people, around the same number as the physical branch. The adult programs have about 10-15 attendees depending on the topic.

Services – Increasing requests to use the library as a place to study and use computers. Rockville will be piloting a computer lab model. Date for opening has not been set.

Summer reading is over. Participants received a prize. The library is handling questions on how to use Overdrive for e-books.

Staffing: Substitute and Sunday staff, and shelving assistants were furloughed. Four staff are on telework. The assistant branch manager is on loan to the Silver Spring Library.

IV. MCLB Report: No report. Beth Angerman resigned

V. New Business: None.

VI. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next meeting will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 via online.