

Wheaton Library Advisory Committee Meeting – October 19, 2020 – 8:00 PM

Online via Microsoft Teams



Attendees: Jessica French (Co-chair), April Rivers (secretary), Carolyn Teich, Thelda McMillian, Carol Bender, Yesvy Gustasp, Dianna Dubrawsky, Dave Schumaker (Little Falls LAC), Andrew Rein, Laura Cooper, and Dianne Whitaker (Ex-officio -- Wheaton Library Manager).

- I. Jessica called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM.
- II. September minutes were approved.
- III. Library Manager's Report to the Wheaton LAC – presented by Dianne Whitaker

Facilities:

The Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center is serving as an official polling site for the 2020 election. A ballot box is located next the library book drop. In addition, the Recreation Center gym will be hosting early voting from October 26 to November 2, 2020 and will be a regular polling site on Tuesday November 3, 2020. COVID testing in the gym resumes after the election.

There were two facility incidents in the last month. Early Friday morning October 2, 2020, several locations on the center were tagged with graffiti. On Wednesday October 14, 2020, a car knocked the garage door opener electric eye loose from the wall. An incident report was filed.

Collection:

Due to staffing shortages brought on by COVID-19 there have been delays in processing new materials and materials being sent between branches for holds. The administration is actively working to resolve these issues. For the short-term, calling the owning branch and having staff put the item out for Holds2Go may be a good option.

The RBdigital database was purchased by Overdrive. There are changes coming to the way materials will be accessed on these platforms. Please stay tuned.

Programs

All programs continue to be virtual. There were two book discussions and one author talk in October. There is a film discussion planned. Children family story times are zoomed at least twice weekly.

Services:

The pilot computer lab is planned for Rockville Memorial library. An opening date has not been set. Germantown is also in the planning stages. Wheaton has the one of the highest levels of Holds2Go circulation in MCPL.

The Long Branch library will re-open mid-late January. Germantown will be going through a minor refresh (paint and carpet). The next building project is Clarksburg.

The Wheaton Library book club is active.

- IV. MCLB Report: No report, but the library board hopes to fill this vacancy by the end of the year. The joint meeting with the Friends of the Library will take place on November 18, 2020, via online.
- V. New Business: None.
- VI. Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM. The next meeting will be on December 21, 2020, via online.