

Wheaton Library Advisory Committee Meeting – January 25, 2021 – 8:00 PM

Online via Microsoft Teams



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

- I. Jessica called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM. LAC members introduced themselves.
- II. December minutes were approved with one spelling correction.
- III. Library Manager's Report to the Wheaton LAC – presented by Dianne Whitaker

Facilities: The Wheaton book drop door broke in October 2020. The part has arrived and the work order for replacement is open and soon to be scheduled. The Wheaton Recreation Center is continuing to partner with HHS and provide space for COVID-19 testing several days a week. Dates for reopening the facility for classes, programs, general library functions are still unknown at this time. (White Oak Community Center is a vaccination site for health care providers.)

Collection: Inventory of all items including recently returned items is now complete. RBDigital was purchased by Overdrive, Inc. in fall 2020. Magazines are in the process of transitioning to Overdrive. E audio books have transitioned to Overdrive.

Programs: Wheaton staff are presenting two baby story times, a family story time, and a bi-lingual story time. In honor of Black History month, a virtual presentation by Montgomery County History entitled "Slavery in Maryland and DC, a Historical Perspective" will be presented on Saturday February 13, 2021 at 2:00 pm. The Wheaton Adult Book club will meet on Tuesday February 16, 2021 at 11:00 am. Sponsored by the FOLMC, the Wheaton branch has partnered with local arts group, Inter-Act Story theatre to present a series of drama and story-based programs. The "Virtual Act Along" will have audience members acting out a children's picture book. The next program is on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 11:00 am.

Services: There has been a temporary reduction in service hours for telephone reference and Holds2Go. MCPL has temporarily eliminated Sunday branch-based operations and has moved to 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM service on Tuesdays and

Thursdays. All branches operate on a consistent schedule. Customers may continue to call for same day walk-in appointments. Some programs such as children's story times and the Wheaton Adult book club will continue to be offered by teleworking staff outside regular branch operating hours.

- IV. MCLB Report: No report, but the library board hopes to fill this vacancy soon.
- V. New Business: (A) The joint meeting with the Friends of the Library was rescheduled to February 10th. (B) Wheaton Regional Park meetings are held online and could possibly include the library.
- VI. Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM. The next meeting will be on February 22, 2021, via online.