

Wheaton Library Advisory Committee Meeting – March 15, 2021 – 8:00 PM

Online via Zoom



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

- I. Jessica called the meeting to order at 8:07 PM.
- II. February minutes approval was delayed until April.
- III. Library Manager's Report to the Wheaton LAC – presented by Dianne Whitaker

Facilities: The Wheaton Library and Recreation Center parking plaza is undergoing ADA mitigation repairs. An ADA inspection revealed that the parking plaza was not in ADA compliance. The ADA parking spaces had a higher than legal slope and needed to be leveled and concrete replaced. Work was to begin October 2020; however, due to the election work could not be completed prior to winter. The contractor began work the week of March 8, 2021 and expects to be completed by March 19, 2021. However, the March 19, 2021 date is subject to change. The public is able to access the Holds To Go station (see update below under SERVICES regarding Holds to Go) and the library book drop. Parking for staff and community is in the parking garage or playground parking lot.

Collection: Northstar Digital Literacy, a proctored digital literacy skills program, is the newest addition to MCPL services. This will provide access to pass Microsoft certification exams.

RB DIGITAL UPDATE: Please be advised that the following RB Digital services will be sunseting as of March 31, 2021: Acorn TV, Great Courses, IndieFlix, Qello Concerts, Method Test Prep, and Learn It Live. These services are duplicated throughout various databases, i.e. Acorn TV is available through Hoopla.

Programs: Wheaton staff are presenting three Family story times, and a bi-lingual story time in April. An Earth Day program – DEP Energy Road Show (offering ideas to homeowners on how to improve your home's energy efficiency) Virtual will be held on April 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The Wheaton Adult Book Discussion –Virtual will

meet on Tuesday April 20, 2021. There will also be a special children's program – InterAct Story Theatre Act Along-Virtual on Sunday April 18, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

Services: A plan is being worked on for expanded services. A date for reopening is not available at this time. Please check on our website for current information.

Friends of the Library: Funds generated by FOL (approx.. \$134K) go towards enhanced technology programs.

MCLB Report: No report, but the library board hopes to fill this vacancy soon.

- IV. New Business: A question arose regarding the number of e-licenses available for books. Dianne explained that the library buys licenses through Overdrive (a jobber), but some authors like Stephen King and Dean Koontz are only granting e-licenses to Amazon, who does not sell to libraries. This is also true for audio books.

- V. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM. The next meeting will be on April 19, 2021, 8:00 PM via online.