

## Wheaton Library Advisory Committee Meeting – December 20, 2021 – 8:00 PM

### Online via Zoom



**Attendees:** Jessica French (Co-chair), Grace Manubay (Library Board Liaison), Yesvy Gustasp, Carolyn Teich, Andrew Rein, Diana Dubrawsky, Thelda McMillian, Carol Bender, and Dianne Whitaker (Ex-officio -- Wheaton Library Manager).

- I. Jessica called the meeting to order at 8:08 PM.
- II. October Minutes will be approved at next meeting.
- III. Library Manager's Report to the Wheaton LAC – presented by Dianne Whitaker

**Facilities:** Final punch list items are being worked on and completed. The dishwasher installed in the staff kitchen is finally operational. There will be additional plumbing work done later in FY22 to remediate piping issues with the library family restroom. All exterior work has been postponed until spring 2022.

**Collection:** New materials are being added each week. Wheaton's Senior Librarian created a Pearl Harbor display to recognize the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Newspapers are expected to begin around beginning of January. There is no information on how many print magazines will be resumed and when they will be added back to the collection.

**Programs:** Wheaton held it's first in person adult and teen program on December 9, 2021. Fifteen teens and their parents attended the program on the college application process. In person story times will resume in the spring. The children's staff have created a number of take home craft projects. The Hannukah project was completely full. The January craft project will focus on Chinese New Year.

**Services:** Extended hours begin Sunday Jan. 2, 2022. Sunday will no longer be a half day but a full 10 am to 6 pm day at all Montgomery County Public Libraries. There will no longer be different hours depending on library size, All branches will have Monday through Thursday hours 10-8 pm rather than larger branches 9-9 and smaller branches keeping the schedule of 10-6 MW and 12-8 TTH.

- IV. MCLB Report - Grace Manubay noted that the library board is working on filling vacant positions on the board and hiring for open library positions. The next meeting Joint Meeting is January 12, 2022 at 7 pm.
  
- V. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next Wheaton LAC meeting is Monday, January 24, 2022 8:00 PM, via Zoom.