

Wheaton Library Advisory Committee Meeting – February 28, 2022 – 8:00 PM

Online via Zoom



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

- I. Jessica called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.
- II. December and January minutes were approved.
- III. Library Manager's Report to the Wheaton LAC – presented by Dianne Whitaker

Facilities: February was a quieter month for facilities issues. Mask and rapid test kit distribution slowed down and will now be handed out during branch open hours. Masks are currently not required in county facilities including libraries. Wheaton Library was in the top two of free mask and test kit distribution centers.

Collection: The *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* resumed print service to the libraries. The *Washington Post* subscription is being resolved. There is no information on how many print magazines will be resumed and when they will be added back to the collection.

Programs: In person programs are scheduled to resume in April. Wheaton will resume outdoor story times on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM beginning the first week of April. All March programs will continue to be virtual.

Services: Sunday service from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM began Sunday February 27, 2022. Wheaton is in the process of hiring more staff.

- IV. MCLB Report - Grace Manubay - board liaison.
The MCLB discussed the strategic plan, with an input from the LACs. Montgomery County Comic-Con had a lower attendance at the virtual meeting. Residents can record, by appointment only through January 2023, their stories on how COVID affected their lives at the Aspen Hill or Davis Libraries. The recordings will be included in the state archives and titled "Living and Dying with COVID 19: The Maryland Stories."

- V. New Business: Grace asked if anyone had questions for the next MCLB meeting. Jessica commented that the no mask requirement in county buildings is frustrating with small children inside the buildings.

- VI. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM. The next Wheaton LAC meeting is Monday, March 21 2022, 8:00 PM, via Zoom. The subsequent meetings are April 18, May 16, and June 20th.