

LAC minutes
January 23, 2023

Attending:

Dianne Whitaker (Ex-officio, Wheaton Library Manager), Grace Manubay (Board Representative), Yesvy Gusrasp, Chair, Andrew Rein, Ania Waller, Melanie Newbrough, Carolyn Teich

January minutes were approved.

Manager's Report, January 23, 2023

Facilities:

The multi-purpose glass door is still awaiting replacement. Replacement parts are still on order.

There is also an outstanding work order for a replacement Plexiglass panels over the metal supports in the children's area.

A delegation from Enoch Pratt Library and the Baltimore City Recreation Dept. visited the Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center on January 23, 2023. A tour and power point discussion highlighted the unique features of the center.

Collection:

The travel books are being updated. January displays include the following: *Martin Luther King, Jr/holiday*; and *New Year/New Beginnings*. The Children's display features Chinese New Year/Rabbits and the Wizard's Winter Reading Challenge (basketball and winter). The table near the talking books - Groundhog Day

Programs:

Wheaton has a Lunar New Year program planned for January 29, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Children's programs are being held on Wednesday mornings in the children's program room during the winter.

Wheaton library is hosting a free Yoga program on Saturday mornings through February . All fifteen slots are filled. There are now two monthly technology assistance programs including Google Basics and How to download ebooks, stream movies and more with library apps. The Graphic Novel Book Club for teens and adults is ongoing.

Wheaton will also be showing the film, “Nope” as part of the MCPL Afrofuturism – Black History Month Film festival. The film will be shown on Saturday February 18, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. This year for BHM, we are honoring Black Excellence in Science Fiction and Afrofuturism in line with our February 23rd visiting writer. Black SciFi icon [Sheree Renee Thomas](#) will speak at Rockville on Thursday February 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. as part of our Contemporary Conversations Series.

Services:

The VITA service is scheduled to provide tax assistance to households with incomes less than \$58,000 a year and individuals with disabilities. The VITA program will be running every Sunday afternoon 12:30-5:30 pm from January 29-April 16, 2023. Appointments will be given priority.

There are two regular information tables now placed at the Wheaton Branch, Montgomery College an ongoing partner and Montgomery ReConnect a resource program for vulnerable young adults.

Wheaton library is still handing out N-95 masks and Covid-19 Antigen Rapid test kits.

Board Report

The joint meeting was held January 11, 2023. The presentation of how the county budget is created was extremely well done. For example, the library budget is 80% staff expenditure and 20% collections. For those who could not attend, the presentation can be found on the Library Board website. Early literacy programs are highlighted to conform with overall budget priorities.

The Board is reviewing policies and is asking the LACs to review the first two sections, circulation and computer for discussion at the next meeting, February 8. Grace will send the link to LAC members.

Meeting was adjourned.