

## Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2024 – Wheaton LAC

Quorum not met until 7:30 pm

Attendees: Carolyn Teich, Yesvy Gustasp., Thelda McMillen, Eric Wallace and Diana Dubrawsky (joined at 7:30 pm), Barbara Friedman and Martha Kyrillidou (Visiting from BGLAC) and Library Board Liaison Grace Manuaby

Order of Business

### Wheaton Manager's Report

#### Facility

Open Work Orders/TSRs:

Facility Issue	Date Work Order/TSR Placed
Children's Programming Room Sliding Doors	6/4/2021
Plexiglass End Panels in Adult Non-Fiction Broken	One fixed 1/17/2024 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Encap on order.
Door to Library Meeting Room – Status update	Door was installed on 2/13/2024, Still waiting for the locking hardware to be installed
Crestron Panel in Media Lab needs repaired or replaced, Crestron Panel in Children's Programming Room is not connecting to devices via Bluetooth	3/6/2023 (TSR)
Various Broken Blinds (fallen or stuck) – Children's Programming Room (stuck and fallen), corner of Children's Area (stuck), Collaboration Space #3 (fallen), near World Languages/Newspapers (stuck)	4/17/2023, Some work was done in early June to straighten out some of the blinds.
Camera Monitor at library entrance is not functioning.	County Security has been contacted several times as of 2/26/2024
Heat in Children's and Public Service Areas	Reported to FMOS several times in 12/2023, 1/2024 and 2/2024. Will submit another report to see if heated floor is the problem.

#### Collections

- Staff now weeding dead items in Adult, Teen, and Children's Media (CD Books and DVDs)
- Large decrease in physical media circulation. Streaming services such as Hoopla and Libby are much more popular.
- Displays for February: Black History Month, Valentines Day

## Programming

Family Story Time continues to have over 140 participants per session. There is a need to do back to back story times and offer additional programs for families on weekends. Baby story time is also extremely popular with over 100 participants each week. After meeting and discussing with the Branch Supervisor and head of Children's Services. Baby Storytime and Family Story time will be limited to 35 persons per session in the Multi-purpose meeting room. Baby story time will be for one caregiver and children under 2 years of age. This change is in alignment with our program guidelines and we hope will provide a less crowded experience for attendees. A new STEM play program – DUPLO Construction time will be offered on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-3:45 pm.

Wheaton children's staff are also offering a monthly Spanish-English Thursday evening bi-lingual story time averaging about 30 attendees.

Read to a Dog is being discontinued due to the lack of a regular consistent dog/owner volunteers.

The following special adult programs were offered in February:

Flashing Warning Lights on Democracy & Violence - Pathways to Your Door- Hybrid- Feb. 11, 2024 (15 attendees – hybrid).

Lunar New Year Celebration presented by Korean Culture and Art of Maryland - In-person Feb. 24, 2024 (110 attendees)

Songs of Freedom with Linda Harris and Main St. Blues, Feb. 25 2024. 51 attendees

The following programs will be offered in March:

The Four Seasons - Family Concert - In-person March 8, 2024 2:00 pm

The Woman Who Fought to Bring Cherry Trees to Washington- for Women's History Month – March 20, 2024 6:00 pm

Irish Dance! - In-person March 24, 2024 2:00 pm

Native Shrubs- In-person w/ expert Merikays Smith March 9, 2024 2:00 pm

Cartooning for ages 50 + Wednesdays March 13, 20, 27, 2024

VITA/Community Tax Aide began on Sunday, February 4, 2024. There will also be AARP tax assistance in the Senior Center – Art Room and through Community Tax – MoCo at the WorkSource Montgomery Center.

Wheaton library will host JCA Heyman Interages Center volunteers for a special Read Across the Generations- Read Across America at Wheaton Library - In-person March 2, 2024 – 3:00-5:00 pm

- Winter Reading Challenge for Children and Teens goes through March 20. Wheaton currently has 45 people signed up.
- 1040 and 1040SR Forms and Instructions and Maryland Tax Booklets are now available. Spanish 1040 forms and instructions will be available as soon as we receive them. Forms and booklets are limited to 1-2 per person
- COVID19 Test Kits and Masks have resumed but supplies are limited. Branches are able to place orders again.

#### Staffing

All positions are filled except: Librarian I – Children’s (PT).

#### **Library Board Liaison Report**

The MCPL Library Report to the Community is now on the website.

MCPL is now subscribing to a Virtual Authors Talk program: Library Speakers Consortium.

The guests for March will be: Madeline Miller, Nina Totenberg and Christopher Paolini.

MoCoCom will be held this Saturday – March 2, 2024 Germantown library.

Library Advocacy news-

The MC Library Board and FOLMC have developed a joint advocacy letter.

Write to Councilpersonl - Rep. Natalie Fani Gonzalez and at large Council members.

Outreach for Early Literacy, Outreach and Investment in World Languages are major advocacy Points.

Minutes for January 2024 were approved.

A comment was made about EV parking in non EV spaces. LAC members would like to see improved signage about speeding down the garage ramp.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 pm.

