



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WHITE OAK BRANCH

November 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Jan Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. The meeting was held virtually on MCPL's Zoom platform.

Members present: Jan Bloom, Natasha Isler, Ellen Melle, Randi Passamaneck, Paulette Wright

Other attendees: Carrie Villar, White Oak MCPL Board Liaison, Kathie Meizner, White Oak Branch Manager, Connie Oprisch, White Oak FOL Member

The minutes from the September 15, 2020 meeting were approved.

Montgomery County Library Board Liaison Report

Carrie Villar reported on the October 2020 Library Board meeting. The Board approved a recommendation to eliminate fines for overdue adult material. The recommendation will be sent to the MCPL Director who will forward it to the County Executive. MCPL previously eliminated fines on overdue children's materials.

The Library Board Joint Meeting w/LAC and FOL Chapters will be held on Zoom at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 18th.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://marylandlibraries.zoom.us/j/91559276192>

Meeting ID: 915 5927 6192

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Membership Report

Four White Oak LAC members' terms are Feb 2020 - Feb 2023:

- Muriel Hairston-Cooper
- Natasha Isler
- Cathy Stewart
- Paulette Wright

Four White Oak LAC members' terms are March 2019 - March 2022:

- Jan Bloom
- Ellen Melle
- Randi Passamaneck
- Frances Schueler

To apply for a new, or renewal, membership on the White Oak LAC print and complete the form posted at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Library/resources/files/board/lac-application.pdf> . Submit the completed form to the White Oak Branch Manager. There is no cost associated with LAC membership.

Branch Manager Report from Kathie Meizner

Collection:

PressReader is a new digital service providing access to magazines and newspapers from more than 120 countries to all MCPL library card holders. Go to <https://www.pressreader.com/catalog> . Click Sign In on the upper right. Select “Library or Group” in the center of the screen. Search for Montgomery County. Enter your MCPL library card # and PIN.

Library Staff are completing a librarywide inventory of the entire MCPL Collection. Every item in every Branch is being scanned in preparation for future migration to a new circulation system.

Staff:

One White Oak staff member retired and one full-time children’s librarian transferred to Little Falls. Neither will be replaced during the current budget situation. Two Long Branch staff temporarily assigned to White Oak will return to Long Branch by the end of this calendar year.

Services:



Holds to Go! service continues along with call-ins from patrons requesting book recommendations, book bundles and other assistance. Materials continue to move slowly through the system to allow for pandemic-related quarantine periods.

Programs:

On-going virtual programming by Branch staff includes writing, highly popular weekly trivia, Book Clubs, job search and early literacy pre-school events.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Mark Your Calendar:

The next LAC meeting is at 7:00 P.M. on **Tuesday, Jan 5, 2021**. This will be a Virtual meeting on the MCPL Zoom platform. The remaining meetings for the current fiscal year will be on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021** and **Tuesday, June 1, 2021**.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Melle, Secretary
White Oak LAC