



LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

June 10, 2015

BOARD PRESENT: Amir, Brooks, Christman, Core, Lewis, Ram, Reedy, Sabnis, Watts

STAFF PRESENT: B. Parker Hamilton, Director; Regina Holyfield, Recording Secretary; Uzo Onyemaechi, Manager, Chevy Chase Branch

GUESTS: Tanner Wray, Director of College Libraries and Information Services, Montgomery College Libraries

The Library Board meeting was convened by Immediate Past Chair Jill Lewis at 7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Board Members, staff and guest were introduced.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:

The minutes from the May 13, 2015 Board meeting were approved with one correction.

APPROVAL OF LAC APPLICATIONS:

The LAC applications were approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **County Citizen Advisory Boards CIP Forums – 7 PM**

June 22	Bethesda/Chevy Chase	Eric Carzon, Business Manager
June 23	Midcounty	Chris Freeman, PSA, Branch Operations and Customer Service
June 25	Eastern County	Carol Legarreta, PSA, Human Resources and Community Engagement
June 29	Silver Spring	Rita Gale, PSA, Facilities and Strategic Planning
July 13	UpCounty/Blackrock	Rita Gale, PSA, Facilities and Strategic Planning

- **NACo Achievement Awards**

MCPL received three National Association of Counties Achievement Awards for 2015:

“Libraries and Communities: Collaborative Partnerships for Success” in the category of Libraries

“Marrying Technology with Traditional Learning: The Go! Kits for Young Children at Montgomery County Public Libraries, MD” in the category of Libraries

“Data@Your Finger Tips: dataMontgomery & Montgomery County Public Libraries, MD, Taxonomy Project” in the category of Information Technology

- **Marketing Campaign for June**

Did You Know...

...that you can get books and DVDs on travel from the library? We have print travel guide books and travel memoirs in our nonfiction sections from 910-919, and we also have travel e-books as well! Our [Maryland Digital eLibrary Consortium/OverDrive](#) has travel guide and memoir e-books, including titles from Fodor's, Lonely Planet, and Frommer's. You should also take a look at the DK Eyewitness Travel e-books in the [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#). These e-books are always available to read within your browser. From Alaska to Washington, DC, around the globe or virtual travel, we're happy to help you plan your next adventure! Bon Voyage!

- **Book Donation/Discarding Issue**

The individual with concerns regarding MCPL’s book donation policy and procedures continues to voice concern regarding to whom MCPL donates books and how the books that are unsold are disposed of by Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc. This individual has posted items on Facebook and LinkedIn and sent emails to different groups, including the Regional Services Centers’ directors, asking them to join in the campaign to convince Libraries to stop pulping books.

MCPL met with this person on May 21 with answers to over 40 questions which the individual submitted prior to the meeting. The individual cut the meeting short, at which time they were invited to come back. It was expressed to them our willingness to sit down and talk in an effort to pursue a mutually beneficial relationship.

- **Deaf Cultural Digital Library**

MCPL has been asked by the State to develop a Deaf Culture Digital Library for the deaf and hard of hearing residents. Funding from the State will provide for two staff persons, materials and resources.

- **Savings Plan**

The County Executive has decided that a savings plan is necessary for FY16. The details and scope of the savings plan are unknown at this time. As a result of this information, there will be no moves taken at this time to implement any of the increases that were included in our approved FY16 budget:

- Hours and staff
- Collection
- Go! Kits

- **The Library Card Initiative** (a library card in the hands of every school student in Montgomery County) On June 4, a very successful program was held at which every student at the Gaithersburg Elementary School (GES) was given a library card from MCPL. The Assistant State Superintendent for Libraries, Irene Padilla, attended. She was interviewed by County Cable Montgomery and said positive things about MCPL.
- **Silver Spring Library**
 - Gala – June 12, 6:30 PM
 - Grand Opening - June 20, 11 AM
- **Refresh Projects**
 - No confirmed dates.
- **Wheaton Library**
 - Closing February/March 2016 with construction scheduled to begin in July 2016. The community would like to have interim services; this will be a decision made by the County Executive.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Board interviews
 - Nomination Committee will have to be selected. No member who is eligible to reapply can serve on the Nomination Committee.
- An email was received from Jeanette Cotter stating that due to her work schedule, she would be resigning from the Board.
- Board bylaws will be on the agenda for the July meeting
 - Forward comments by June 22.
- Board will hold elections in July.
 - Some LACs have already held elections.
- Board members were reminded to submit their applicable expenses for reimbursement by June 19.
- The thank you reception for Council proposed by the FOLMC has been cancelled.
 - They would like to have something before the fall. Council will be invited, but the get together is not contingent on Council attending.
 - Members were reminded that anytime the Board meets, it is considered a public meeting.
 - Damascus LAC holds their meeting every May at a restaurant. This may not be considered as a public meeting if they are not discussing LAC business.
- LAC Awards Committee
 - Nominations are being accepted for the LAC awards which will be presented during the September Board meeting.
- Revisit committees/workgroups for next year.
- Goals for July meeting:
 - Bylaws
 - There are some things in the bylaws that are from the County code and cannot be changed.

- Kathleen Reedy and Amishi Sabnis volunteered to compile the feedback from Board members.
 - Selection of Awardees
 - Review the awards process. There are currently only two awards: David Chiles Member of the Year and Eleanor Ablard awards.
 - Committees/workgroups
 - Work plan
- Liaisons should encourage LAC chairs to become Library Board members.
 - Invite LAC chairs to Board meetings.
- Director Hamilton has been attending LAC meetings, and some are using the templates.
 - All should be using the templates for uniformity and ease of submission of minutes.
 - Some LACs do send in their minutes, but many have not been doing so.
 - Refresh projects should be on the agenda for many of the branches.
- Jill Lewis submitted the recommendations from the Accessibility Advisory Committee.
 - Rita Gale attended the Committee's second meeting and discussed the resultant recommendations with Director Hamilton including what MCPL could implement in the near future.
 - The Committee felt Rita Gale did a good job addressing the recommendations.
 - Funding will be up to Libraries.
 - Linda Curvey-Brown is taking the lead on this for the Silver Spring branch.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.


 B. Parker Hamilton, Director