

SILVER SPRING: BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES E. MCGEE LIBRARY

LAC MINUTES

May 19, 2025 VIA ZOOM @ 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Present: *Dana Anderson, Jill Brantley, Jennifer Diamond, Paulette Dickerson, Regina Germain, Hira Girglani, Martha Kyrillidou (Secretary), Chauna Wiggins (Chair).*

Present (non-voting):

1. Katrin Sweeney, Regional Manager, MCPL ([Brigadier General Charles E. McGee Library](#), [Kensington Park Library](#), [Noyes Library for Young Children](#), [Long Branch](#))
2. Wilma Brier, MCPL Board Liaison

We started the meeting with a roll call and approval of minutes (Regina Germain moved approval of the minutes and Jill Brantley seconded). The minutes of the April 21, 2025 meeting were approved.

We moved to the regional manager's report where Kate Sweeney reported on staff openings, collections, and facilities issues. For the two open positions, there is some internal recruiting/transfer interest. The new cafe tenant opened the cafe operation. Everyone is excited to experience the new cafe. Additional cameras were installed for security purposes. Kate reviewed the programming and highlighted popular programs (From Jazz to Hip Hop, Intro to Microsoft Excel and Word classes, Radical reptiles, Hatchlings pilot, Games are for Everyone, etc.). The May summer reading starts with three kick off events with the closest one being in Chevy Chase; Kate also reminded us that there are adult summer reading programs now as well.

Kate also attended the Maryland Library Association meeting in Ocean City with more than 25 MCPL colleagues (Martha Kyrillidou was also at that event). We highlighted the new documentary "Free For All: The Public Library" that premiered on Maryland Public Television (more info here: [https://loom.ly/2\\_cAs50](https://loom.ly/2_cAs50)). At the conference there was a [session presented by BG staff members](#).

Next Wilma Brier offered an MCPL Board report; the MCPL Board is holding meetings that are both virtual and physical. She reminded us of the budget hearings and the end of May budget approval and about the networking event on June 25 at the Kensington Park Branch at 7 PM where the LAC members from BG, Long Branch, Wheaton, and Noyes will come together. [Note: the event took place and it was a wonderful way to exchange views with other LAC members and learn from the library director about the needs she is uncovering as she is visiting more of the communities and library branches].

Next under unfinished businesses we discussed the purple line updates that Paulette and Jendayi are following closely. The purple line has planned closings of important streets this summer that will cause some disruption in the traffic patterns around the library building. Purple Line updates can be found here: <https://www.purplelinemd.com/public-meetings-events/>; The line is estimated to be 75% complete and will be passenger ready in the middle of 2027. The tracks have been installed under the library and it is a sight for small children and the community. We also discussed how important it is to have better signage around the library.

Following Chauna reminded us of the [2024- 2025 BGCEM LAC Goals & Activity Schedule](#). We continue to advocate for the refresh of the McGee Library, strengthen and foster communication among MCBL, LAC

members, and the local library community by obtaining advice and views on public library needs and reporting those views, and recruiting new LAC members.

Arrangements are made to hold a table at the Farmer's Market and there is a need for a table to bring to the market booth. This is an opportunity to recruit new members and alert people of the existence of the library a block away. [Paulette drafted a letter we can use for recruiting.](#) Everyone liked the new letter! Kate also printed extra bookmarks and they will be available to be picked up from Kate's office.

We moved towards the election of the 2025-2026 Chair and Secretary under new business. Martha moved to nominate Jennifer as Chair and Regina seconded. Jennifer was voted unanimously as the new chair and everyone was delighted that the group continues to have strong leadership. We decided to defer the election of the secretary for the fall as there were no candidates at this point.

We decided to cancel the June 16, 2025 meeting and instead we organized a social gathering at Martha's place.

The meeting was adjourned.

- [Upcoming meetings listed on the community calendar](#)

[Note: We also canceled the September 2025 meeting]