

Library Advisory Committee
Damascus Community Library
April 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by chair Pam Hosimer. Attending were Renée Minnick, Susan Wells, Diane Cockrell and Ann Stillman, agency manager. The minutes of the March meeting were distributed electronically, with revisions from Pam and Ann, and posted at the library.

Renée reported that Damascus FOL receives donated items which it sells in the lobby of the library. The funds are used for the enhancement of Damascus library programs and activities. The committee continues to look for new members.

Ann shared information of progress in locating a new chief. The first round of interviews has been completed. Further conversation regarding the VOX Books ensued. Introduction of new reading materials is a function of the Collection Management Team. It might be interesting to learn why the VOX Books were selected. They have been in the libraries for a few months and are circulating very well. They are kept in a separate location because they do have to be charged. Children simply push a button to listen and read. There's no need for computers, tablets or CDs. At this time this library has not seen any lost or damaged books but it might be a good idea to look into what the public thinks about the books.

Refreshes are scheduled for Marilyn Praisner and Long Branch libraries during FY 20 and Damascus might or might not be scheduled for FY 21. The library's summer programs are being scheduled and it will be a good year. This summer libraries will continue their reading programs which usually were not scheduled during the summer. None from the Damascus LAC are available to attend the Potluck for Council members.

We will not hold a regular committee meeting on May 14, but will visit the Walkersville Library. Visits such as this, which we have made to other libraries in the past, have always been enlightening and refreshing and many helpful insights are gained by sharing.

There was no liaison report. This branch is without a Library Board Liaison at this time and no report is available. It is understood that for the most part each board member liaises with 2 LACs and that the Board has a number of vacancies. We wonder how better coverage by board members with LACs might be accomplished. Can you offer any suggestions?

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Our next meeting, unless otherwise announced, will be held on June 11 at 7 pm.

All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, in the large meeting room of the Damascus Library from 7:00-8:00 pm, unless otherwise announced.

May 14 [no formal meeting – outreach with another library]; June 11, 2019