

Library Advisory Committee  
Damascus Branch  
March 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by chair Pam Hosimer. In attendance were Adrienne Miles-Holderbaum, regional supervisor, Ann Stillman, agency supervisor, Holly Fiery, Library Board liaison, Bill Rogers, Marie Dean, and Donna Bangor, secretary. The February minutes were amended by Ann and resent to committee members.

**Reports:** Adrienne mentioned that some branches are recruiting new members by handing out book marks with links to further information about LACs.

Ann reports that security cameras have been installed in the Damascus Library building. The refresh still has no start date. Ann will let us know as soon as she hears.

The county's new director of teen programming and marketing, Tyler Chadwell English, has communicated with the branch's staff. The conversation club has not garnered much interest in the community. Marie participated previously and is will to take part again.

Holly reported on the Library Board meeting of March 8. (See Holly's email of March 14, for both the director's and board's report.) She also asked that the committee keep monitoring and evaluating the Circulation and Computer Policies pages on the Library Policies webpage. She asked about the relationship between MCPL and MCPS. Ann said that the children's librarian and the teen librarian work closely with the various schools in the Damascus area.

**Unfinished Business:** Marie raised a question about the posthumous gift for Gail Davidson. FOLDM funds are in limbo – we do not know the status of the transfer to FOLMC, who are aware that monies collected for Gail have been held separately from general funds. Donations made out to FOLMC will be accepted, making clear designation to Gail's gift. The purchase and installation of a bench is a complicated process, involving the county DGS and other departments. Adrienne recommended that the committee find the bench they would like to install in Gail's honor, then go through the various steps for approval.

**New Business:** Adrienne mentioned Damascus Days, held the weekend after July 4, including participation in a parade and open house at the library, both good times to "market" the library and its services.

The committee may take its optional tour of another library to Glenwood Branch Library in Howard County. Pam will organize the outing.

Marie moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:04; Donna seconded; so moved.

**Our schedule for the remaining months of the 2022-2023 year:**

*All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month on Zoom from 7:00-8:00 pm, unless otherwise announced. April 11; May 9 [no formal meeting – optional tour of another library]; June 13. No meetings scheduled in July and August.*