

Davis Library Advisory Committee (DVLAC) October 26, 2021  
Virtual Meeting Minutes

7:05 P.M. Call to order by Linda Pottern Co-Chair 1

Attendees: Jonina Duker (Co-Chair 2), Major Giese, Linda Hubbard, Connie Locraft, Motusi Sau, and Steve Warwick library Manager).

Davis Library Manager's Report (Steven Warrick).

1. Davis hours: open 10-6, Mon, Weds, Fri, Sat; open 12-8, Tues, Thurs, and closed on Sunday. Masks are **STILL** required to enter library but that may change soon. Davis is active with an uptick and constant foot traffic of general population throughout the days and with after school high school students. Holds are still very popular.
2. KOHA and ASPEN catalog services began on October 4. The new system offers our customers many benefits over our previous system – Sirsi. The new layout is user friendly and the account will show checkouts from both print and electronic resources like Overdrive and Hoopla. You can also place holds directly from the catalog on electronic materials. As we previously mentioned during the last meeting, you can create lists and view reading history and even your search history while logged into the account.
3. PressReader is one of the newer resources purchased by MCPL and is a great resource for magazine and newspaper articles. This resource is helping us fill a void until we begin having the print editions of magazines and newspapers in the library again. And, it is a very easy resource to use and, like all of our resources, it is free. A small description of this resource from our website: PressReader provides interactive, digital access to nearly 7,000 of the world's best newspapers and magazines. With the ability to perform keyword searches across all titles, and save both stories and full publications, researchers are sure to find the stories they're looking for.
4. Staffing updates: Davis has two P/T positions open, a P-T 20 hour Children Associate and Teen Librarian. A hiring committee is being formed.
5. Current virtual programs have been popular and ongoing. Special outdoor events for children are now being held weather permitting. Guidelines for proper/safe methods for indoor and/or hybrid programs are being developed by MCPL.
6. Update on facility: The foundation of the building on the Democracy side has had waterproofing work, which is now complete. During this process many of the landscape plants had to be removed but new plants were replanted. Additionally, the Davis FOL will buy some other plants to provide a new look for the front of the library.

MCPL Board Liaison Report (Co-Chair 1 for Sonja Roberts).

- Summer Read and Learn Program report at the Board meeting compared the usages and reactions by participants and staff to the current and past programs and success of the yearly programs. Based on these findings, the program will be modified and implemented in upcoming years.
- Solicitation of new Board members and branch liaisons are ongoing. Two new members have been accepted and assigned, as liaisons but the number of members are still not enough.
- The Acting Director responded to my request for updated info about the

implementation of hybrid (virtual/ indoor) approach to conducting local and distant library and other county meetings. MCPL and other specialists are assessing forms of this approach.

New Business

The committee members discussed topic raised on mislabeling terms used and announced in official MCPL guidelines/documents.

Co-Chair 2 made the following motion:

*Davis LAC strongly recommend that the request in its upcoming MCPL sponsorship of the 3rd Middle Eastern author series rename the 'Middle Eastern' words in the title to reflect what the guidelines are/were in selecting the authors.*

No one seconded the motion, so motion not put to a vote, and will not go forward.

The 2021 Joint Meeting will be held virtually on November 17, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. Save the Date memo with registration information has been e-mailed to all DVLAC members. Please register for this important advocacy meeting. Note: There will not be a DVLAC November meeting. The date for a December or January DVLAC meeting is currently under consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Pottern, Davis Library Advisory Committee Co-Chair 1

November 05, 2021