

**Davis Library Advisory Committee (DVLAC) May 23, 2022**  
**Virtual Meeting Minutes**

7:05 P.M. call to order by Linda Pottern (Co-Chair-1)

Attendees: Jonina Duker (Co-Chair- 2), Linda Hubbard, Connie Locraft, Steve Warrick (Library Manager) and Marilyn Schiff (MCPL Board Liaison).

DVLAC Co-Chair Report:

I am pleased to welcome our new MCPL Board Liaison, Marilyn Schiff who recently volunteered to join the Board. Branch LACs are required to hold annual nominations/election of LAC Chair and Secretary positions as well as review/extension of current members' 3-year terms by June 1. The Davis LAC roster lists members and chairs and the term dates. All terms are active until 2024. If a member does not want to complete the term, a resignation letter must be sent to me. Since there were no nominations for a Secretary, I will continue to serve as the acting secretary.

Library Manager's Report, by Steven Warrick.

- The local chapter (Davis) of the Friends of the Library has effectively ceased operations. Currently the local book sale is not happening, and the library is not accepting donations. However, the FOLMC is recruiting new volunteers so that donations and the book sale can return soon. It is hoped that we have a quick return as the donation program and book sale is something that the community looks forward to and had become a visitation space for many who go to the library.
- Electronic Resources are a great asset to the community and MCPL has a lot of information for the consumer. Consumer Reports is now fully available with a library card and is easily accessed from the library, home, work, or on the go. Washington Checkbook is also available online with a library card.
- Davis and County Staffing updates: Davis has 1 p/t information position (Library Associate) open and recently filled another p/t information I librarian position (Librarian I). MCPL will be transitioning to a new management model and Steve will become a Regional Manager for the system. This is an administrative layer for branch operations to manage and oversee three or four libraries depending on the region. With this new system, each branch will have a Manager/Senior Librarian who will step into the everyday role of leading.
- Current/future programs: Summer Reading begins June 15 and signups will happen in person and online. There have been and will continue to be outdoor story times, STEM programs, and a special program for teens, and maybe a pop-up program or two for adults while the regular book clubs are on hiatus for the summer. The Master Gardener Plant Clinic is proving to be very popular and staff and customers are glad to see the return of this favorite.

- Update on Davis facilities issues: The library is in good condition and there have been no major issues. We have the Bethesda Garden Club helping with the landscaping and they are doing a wonderful job.

MCPL Board Liaison Report, by Marilyn Schiff.

- MCPL is preparing a new Strategic Plan due in July. The Board was briefed on it only at the initial stage, so there is nothing of substance to report at this time.
- The MCPL budget has been adopted by County Council with an increase of 7% over last year.
- The Maggie Nightingale branch has been reopened after a refresh, and the Potomac closed for a refresh. The proposed refresh of the Chevy Chase branch has been tabled.
- County Council instead voted to seek proposals for rebuilding the Chevy Chase branch and placing affordable housing on the same site, which is next to a forthcoming Purple Line metro station.
- Solicitation for additional LAC members at most branches is ongoing. Board members were requested to submit to the chair suggestions for increasing recruitment.
- Davis LAC members were asked to submit any suggestions on how to improve recruitment.

New Business

There will not be a DVLAC meeting until September or October. Information will be forwarded regarding selection of the date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectively submitted,

Linda Pottern, Davis Library Committee Co-Chair -1

June 13, 2022