

Davis Library Advisory Committee (DVLAC) October 26, 2022

Virtual Meeting Minutes

7:10 P.M. Call to order and attendance, introductions by Co-Chair 1- Linda Pottern

Attendees: Jonina Duker (Co-Chair 2), Diane Marcus, Connie Locraft, Moutusi Sau, Kate Sweeney (Regional Manager-Bethesda) and Marilyn Schiff (MCPL Board Liaison)

The committee welcomes Kate Sweeney, the regional manager - Bethesda region.

Regional Manager's Report (Kate Sweeney)

1. Description of Regional Manager Position: Reorganization of MCL manager/supervisory positions has led to creation of 4 Regional Manager (RM) positions with each RM responsible for administrative support for 3-4 library branches (Sweeney oversees Chevy Chase, **Davis**, Little Falls and Connie Morella.).
2. Status of Bethesda Region library: Library manager position is now called Branch Supervisor. Hiring is ongoing at Davis and Judy Ku current employee will serve as Acting Branch supervisor.
3. Regional Staffing updates: 2 open Branch Supervisory positions, 1 open part-time Children's Librarian Associate, 2 Potomac Library staff are working at Davis, Gaithersburg library will not have a refresh.
4. Current/future programs and activities: Children: Storytime Programs, Halloween event, very successful summer reading program, Adolescents, teens - study groups, résumé writing, etc. Adults: Popular book discussion groups- in-person/virtual (e.g., afternoon Jewish book discussion, evening community book discussions), meet the author, English conversation group.
5. Systemwide matters: Asst Director of Outreach and Programs, Equity Focus Areas see Liaison report below.

MCPL Board Liaison Report (Marilyn Schiff)

1. Appointment of a new member of the library leadership team, Jaime Flores, Assistant Director for Outreach and Programs. He is a Spanish speaker, whose main focus will be on outreach to what the library refers to as "equity focus areas" of the county, where proportionately fewer residents use library services.
2. Staffing: As of two weeks before the Library Board's October 12 meeting, there were 84 staff vacancies in the system, with nine new hires beginning very soon.
3. The new Strategic Plan was the main topic of discussion at the Board meeting. The thrust of the plan is to bring library services and programs to specific groups: pre-school children; teens; non-speakers of English; and people with limited access to technology.
4. I suggest the LAC members download both the full text of the Plan as well as the brief overview as printed in the Sept 20 Press release. See agenda for links. Clarification of several points raised about the plan was provided by the Regional Manager.

5. Draft Joint letter to County Executive Elrich re MCPL needs and funding requests was reviewed, and LAC members were asked for comments and suggestions.

DVLAC Committee Input and New Business

The committee raised the issue that we all appreciate the continued dedication and hard-work of the Davis Staff including Steve Warrick our past Library Manager as well as MCPL Board Liaison- Marilyn Schiff. A motion was raised, and all members voted to pass the motion.

Save the Date: Registration, 2022 Joint Meeting #1, NOVEMBER 2, 2022, 7:00 pm Virtual.

No November DVLAC meeting. Next DVLAC meeting December 19, 2022.

Cancelled- November 10, MCLB meeting. December 14 next MCLB meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Pottern, Davis Library Advisory Committee Co-Chair-1.

10/30/2022