

Notes for LAC Meeting 1/24/24

Voting on approval of minutes - members approved the minutes

Regional managers report -

Staffing

- MCPL Director is retiring, there is now a search for the new director
- director is appointed by the county exec, confirmed by the council. People will apply and there is a reasonably normal job application process
- executive makes the final decision
- KP was fully staffed for a brief period, but someone just transferred to a different branch
- when a position becomes open in the department, people can apply to transfer into it. Voluntary transfer opportunity for KP was published and there may be interviews soon. Full-time positions are very sought after so someone will probably join soon
- KP is doing ok as far as staffing is concerned

Facilities

- boiler room recently flooded and has happened before
- Parking lot speed bumps are not visible, there is a request to have them painted

Programs

- Personal finance for teens in December
- Make your own shadow box program for teens and adults
- For teens and tweens, make your own tshirt bag
- Rock and read program for children - copresented with the Wheaton library. Much larger but they have a tiny meeting room
- Did visits out to local preschools and elementary schools
- Through May, children's staff will be presenting bilingual English Spanish storytime
- In January - frozen singalong, DIY coloring book making, picture frame decorating, "soul in motion" African dance program for black history month; pepco information table
- In February - family yoga and mindfulness, Lunar new year celebration on 2/24, Irish traditional program in March

Board report

- in person opportunity at white oak - joint meeting. Held twice a year (January and October)
- Three proudest moments for outgoing director - library system becomes a community resource and rose to many challenges; having library system become fine-free and have reduced fees for the cost of residents to access resources; increased service to teens and youth
- Guest speaker was councilmember Kristen mink - was an opportunity for her to share her vision for the library and what it means to her. She talked about how libraries and schools both need lots of resources

- Grace sent a joint position paper in an email from the library board. Outlines issues that are important early literacy, foreign language connection, increasing outreach to underserved communities so they know about all the resources libraries have
- Grace shared data across libraries

Old business

- bookmark - had to approve the design before they had meetings nailed down. Not a huge number available. still thinking about best way to use them but the goal is to recruit LAC members
- LAC meeting notice is usually online but we can put up a more current poster

New business

- None

Time of adjournment 7:47