

## Sep 17, 2024 | [Long Branch Library LAC Meeting](#)

Attendees: [Kate Scaife Diaz](#) [Kochar-McCabe, Kiran](#) [nancy RIZOR](#) [Fromm, Patrick](#) James Verpiullot, Odilia Alvarez, Magda Jean

### Notes

- Branch Manager's Report
  - Darcell Graham was interviewed by the County Council as part of the selection process for MCPL Director
    - Acknowledged the need to address ongoing safety and security across branches
  - Long Branch annual stats have declined slightly
    - Circulation was 15.8k in FY24, compared to 16k in FY23
    - Foot traffic was 27.6k in FY24, compared to 32.5k in FY23
    - Likely due to construction and difficulty of access
  - There is a new branch supervisor, Kara Ramsey, who joins from the McGee Library
    - LAC to connect Kara with CHEER to support outreach efforts
  - Construction - no anticipated end date yet on the shade constructions. Librarians note it has been very loud
- Board Liaison report - deferred until next meeting
- LAC Chair's report
  - The LAC will vote on the chair and secretary positions at the October meeting.
- Community Discussion
  - Concerns over vagrancy
    - Response: MoCo Police can issue citations for trespassing after hours. During business hours, report issues to the librarians to handle via MCPL processes.
  - Playground needs refurbishing, is not age appropriate
    - Response: The playground is MoCo Parks land and not in the library's jurisdiction
  - Need for a discovery room at Long Branch
    - Response: Discovery rooms are wonderful amenities, and they are spread across the county's libraries. It was determined that Long Branch would have a media and technology room. This room is due a refresh and has been underutilized.
    - LAC: Interest in engaging in a discussion of the best use of the media room at future meetings. Interest in partnering with FOLMC to raise funds for a discovery room.