

**DRAFT**

Noyes Library for Young Children  
Library Advisory Committee  
Thursday, November 19, 2020, 7:30 pm  
via Zoom

Attendees:

Mark Winek (chair); Brigitte Dubois (secretary); Toni Negro (library board liaison); Lauren Martino (acting early literacy and children's services program manager); Jessica Chiu; Paulette Dickerson; Joanne Gillespie; Sadhana Gupta-Pateriya; Sarah Stanton

1. Call to order: 7:34 pm
2. Approval of minutes
  - a. The minutes from September 17, 2020 were approved
3. Reports
  - a. Chair's membership report (Mark)
    - i. Mark reported that Susan Glick resigned her membership.
  - b. Library board liaison report (Toni)
    - i. Toni reported that five new members have joined the MCPL board.
    - ii. MCPL received four new achievement awards from the Council of Libraries (see MCPL website for details).
    - iii. The summer reading program went very well, considering the pandemic situation, and had an increase in teenagers participating over past years.
    - iv. There have been no further reductions in the library budget since the last report, and some additional sources of revenue are expected.
    - v. Elimination of library fines for adults has been approved by the library board, and is now awaiting approval by the county.
    - vi. The State of the Library community report will soon be published on the MCPL website.
    - vii. It is not yet known when county libraries will reopen.
    - viii. Toni's term will end at the end of next year.
    - ix. Library holds and pickup services are continuing to grow. Germantown and Davis are the most active branches. 100,000 holds have been handled thus far in the pandemic.
    - x. A new resource, called Press Reader, will soon be made available for accessing newspapers and magazines. Patrons will be able to page through newspapers and magazines from all over the world.
  - c. Agency manager's report (Lauren)
    - i. Lauren reported she is almost finished relocating the materials in the Jan Jablonski collection to make them available to the public. They will be temporarily held in the Kensington Park branch.
    - ii. Images of the Noyes building and grounds have been sent to Noyes staff to be used in virtual programming.
    - iii. Noyes staff are continuing to work on developing outdoor activities for the Noyes grounds.
    - iv. U.S. Representative Jamie Raskin recently interviewed Noyes librarian Shawn about his role and perspective. Lauren showed a video of the interview.

- d. Noyes Foundation report (Karen)
  - i. Karen reported she and Lindsey Field have been elected co-presidents of the Noyes Foundation.
  - ii. The Foundation recently received \$800 in donations.
  - iii. The Foundation is working on developing the Kensington Story Walk. Paulette suggested using pages from oversize books.

4. New Business

- a. Mark asked how LAC members can support Noyes and its staff. Lauren said it's important to shift to a system mindset: "Supporting the library system makes a stronger base for Noyes when we come back."
- b. Mark encouraged LAC members to attend virtual budget forums to support library funding. He also urged members to direct communication regarding library support to County Council members. Paulette noted that communications sent to the County Council president are forwarded to all council members. She also noted that community members can participate in Councilman Andrew Friedson's "Fridays with Friedson" program.

5. Open Floor

- a. Brigitte shared information about local puppeteers Beech Tree Puppets as a performance possibility in the future when libraries have reopened.

6. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.