



Noyes Library for Young Children
Library Advisory Committee
Thursday, March 18, 2021
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); Karen Beardsley (Noyes Foundation representative); Lindsay Field (Noyes Foundation representative); Jessica Chiu; Paulette Dickerson; Jenny Gaylin; Joanne Gillespie; Sadhana Gupta-Pateriya; Lesley Maloney; Sarah Stanton

1. Call to order: 7:35 pm
2. Introductions
 - a. Lindsey Field and Karen Beardsley introduced themselves as co-presidents of the Noyes Library Foundation.
3. Approval of minutes from January 19, 2021
 - a. The minutes were approved as submitted.
4. Reports
 - a. Chair's membership report (Mark)
 - i. There has been no change in membership since the last meeting. At the present time we have eleven members.
 - b. Agency manager's report (Lauren)
 - i. The Jan Jablonski book collection is now located at the Kensington Park branch. They are available to patrons to check out.
 - ii. It's unknown how long Noyes will be closed.
 - iii. Staff will try to go to Noyes at some point in the near future to do an inventory. The library system will be changing to a new online catalog system in the fall.
 - iv. This has been a temporary position for Lauren, and she plans to remain through July.
 - c. Library board liaison's report (Toni)
 - i. MCPL will be moving to a new open source online catalog system that will allow for greater ease of collaboration with other library systems. The web interface will change and savings will be \$130K for the year.
 - ii. MCPL has been very busy during the pandemic, with 272,000 holds since the start of pandemic and a high usage of e-books and e-magazines.
 - iii. MCPL's budget increased slightly from last year, to over 42 million dollars; no decreases were supported by council members.
 - iv. As the county reopens, MCPL plans to open five of its largest branches first (including Bethesda, Praisner, Rockville and Gaithersburg branches) at an unknown date and with limited staff. The libraries that reopen will not offer holds-to-go, but other branches will continue to do so while closed.
 - v. The Friends of the Library will host a virtual "Library After Dark" event on March 31 at 7 pm; the focus is on public art, literary activism and philanthropy, and artworks will be auctioned.

- vi. On April 6 and 7, public hearings on the budget will be held. Patrons are encouraged to record videos in support of libraries for council members to view.
- vii. Toni suggested LAC members subscribe to "In the Know," the Friends of the Library newsletter.
- viii. Toni noted that Noyes is one of a few branches that does not have a Friends of the Library group.
- ix. Councilman Jawando is continuing his virtual library tours through the county; a registration form for attending these programs is available online.

d. Noyes Foundation Report (Karen and Lindsey)

- i. Over the past three months, the Noyes Foundation has organized three story walks in Kensington. A story walk featuring *Kamala and Maya's Big Idea* will open next week in Kennedy-Clum Park in Kensington.
 - 1. Mark asked if there will be story walks organized outside Kensington. He noted that Wheaton & Kensington Chamber of Commerce serves both communities. Paulette noted that Noyes is a library that serves the whole county, so it is worth pushing out to other neighborhoods.
 - 2. Regarding the Noyes building renovation, the project is waiting for approval of a building permit (in process for the past nine months and may be further delayed due to the pandemic). The Foundation has raised a little over half of the required amount to date and is in a holding pattern regarding fundraising.

5. Old Business:

- a. We discussed promoting Noyes LAC meetings through the Mid-County Newsletter, an electronic publication. We discussed drafting a blurb that would direct people to the Zoom link for LAC meetings on the MCPL calendar, since LAC meetings are open to the public. Mark and Joanne volunteered to work on this.

6. New Business:

- a. Elections for 2021-2022: The last scheduled Noyes LAC meeting for this year will be on May 20. LAC members are eligible to run for president or secretary. Mark is at the end of his second term as officer and so is not eligible to run again without board approval. Brigitte has offered to run again as secretary. New officers would begin their terms on September 1.
- b. The possibility of scheduling additional summer meetings can be discussed at the next meeting in May.

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