

Noyes Library for Young Children
Library Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 20, 2021, 7:30 pm
via Zoom

Attendees:

Mark Winek (chair); Brigitte Dubois (secretary); Lauren Martino (early literacy and children's services program manager); Toni Negro (library board liaison); Lindsay Field (Noyes Foundation representative); Paulette Dickerson; Sarah Stanton

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.
2. The March minutes were not approved, due to lack of quorum, and will be held until the next meeting.
3. Agency manager's report (Lauren)
 - a. Some library branches are reopening. It's possible Noyes may reopen soon, but no plans are definite yet.
 - b. The summer reading program will be happening virtually.
4. Library board liaison report (Toni)
 - a. Toni described the schedule for reopening. Six libraries will open June 1: Silver Spring, Bethesda, Gaithersburg, Praisner, Olney and Rockville; hopefully by June 14, six more will open; and remaining branches are planned to open on July 6.
 - b. There have been no cuts but no additional funding to the library budget.
5. Noyes Foundation (Lindsay)
 - a. The Foundation is working on its fifth Story Walk, at Kennedy-Clum park in Kensington. There was also one at Oakland Terrace in Homewood Park. The Foundation is considering doing a Story Walk at Wheaton Regional Park, possibly in conjunction with a Spanish-language festival and a local children's author.
 - i. Story Walks are labor intensive. They require someone to check them once a day and take 20-30 hours to create. Numerous volunteers are involved. The Foundation would welcome more help from additional volunteers.
 - ii. French, Spanish, and seasonal Story Walks are planned.
 - b. The Foundation is offering virtual story times on Tuesday mornings at 11 am; these are popular and MCPL is following them as well. Attempts are being made to make them more cross-cultural.
 - c. The building permit for the Noyes renovation is one step closer. They have received some approvals and the permitting process will continue.
 - d. The Foundation is currently focusing on applying for grants and is in a holding pattern with fundraising.
6. New business
 - a. The election of officers could not be held, due to only four voting members being present. Mark will schedule an election meeting over the summer.
 - b. The first meeting of the next term will be scheduled after elections are held.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.