

Noyes Library for Young Children
Library Advisory Committee
Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021, 7:30 pm
via Zoom

Attendees:

Paulette Dickerson (chair); Brigitte Dubois (secretary); Cassandra Malik (early literacy and children's services program manager); Toni Negro (library board liaison); Karen Beardsley (Noyes Library Foundation representative); Lori McCarthy; Sarah Stanton Huxta; Mark Winek

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.
2. The minutes from September were approved as amended.
3. Chair's report (Paulette)
 - a. This is Toni's last meeting as her library board liaison term is ending.
 - b. Our next meeting date is Jan. 13.
4. Library branch manager's report (Cassandra)
 - a. Noyes' page recently left her position; a recruitment process is underway for a replacement.
 - b. The newly integrated library system and catalog was updated in October.
 - c. The collection is being updated: Vox and Pokemon books have been ordered in response to customer demand. Ordering for the Jan Jablonski collection will take place soon.
 - d. Noyes will be continuing to offer outdoor programs next month; in December, Noyes will offer more passive indoor programs. Virtual programming continues to be offered, and outdoor programming at Noyes has been a huge success.
 - e. Outdoor flagstones were repaired.
5. Library board liaison's report (Toni)
 - a. The joint meeting was held yesterday. The holds-to-go staff received an award for their work during the pandemic.
 - b. Vacant library positions are now open and recruitment is underway.
 - c. New library board members are being recruited but no new library board liaison is yet designated for Noyes.
6. Noyes Library Foundation representative's report (Karen)
 - a. Financing fundraising has been challenging.
 - b. Foundation members are working on an end of year campaign letter and hoping to disseminate it among listserves. Noyes is a rare gem; it is one of 3-4 freestanding children's public libraries in the country.
 - c. Noyes' newest StoryWalk is coming out this week in Klum-Kennedy Park in Kensington: *Two Beasts*. Will begin this Saturday in Klum Kennedy Park in Kensington. Members are trying to renovate previous StoryWalks to share them. A Little Free Library across the street from Noyes is starting.
 - d. Some new Noyes merchandise is available and will be for sale.
7. Old Business
 - a. Large digital signs at county library branches are still not working; but they are being worked on and should be functioning soon.

- b. Two letters for recruiting LAC members will be circulated to post on your local list serves.

8. New Business

- a. Brigitte suggested a partnership between Noyes and a spring community event at a local preschool.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.