

Noyes Library for Young Children
Library Advisory Committee
Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, 7:30 pm
via Zoom

Attendees:

Paulette Dickerson (chair); Brigitte Dubois (secretary); Cassandra Malik (early literacy and children's services program manager); Jessica Chu; Jenny Gaylin; Joanne Gillespie; Lori McCarthy; Sarah Stanton Huxta

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.
2. The November minutes will be available for approval at the next meeting, due to a technical issue.
3. Chair's report (Paulette)
 - a. New hours (M-Th 10 am-8 pm, Sat 10 am-6 pm) have been posted for most libraries except Noyes.
 - b. Covid test kits are available at all libraries except Poolesville and Noyes.
 - c. Paulette thanked Joanne for promoting the Noyes LAC meeting on the Mid-County e-blast and Mark and Brigitte for writing promotional blurbs about the Noyes LAC (which can be used for community listserves).
 - d. Paulette shared info about the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) budget, which provides for county building projects such as Noyes and is released in early Feb., and the operating budget, released on March 15. Paulette encouraged LAC members to sign up to testify at budget hearings.
4. Library branch manager's report (Cassandra)
 - a. Candidates are currently being interviewed for the Noyes page position.
 - b. Collections: Noyes librarians are working on refreshing the collection by ordering new books and weeding; the Jan Jablonski collection is being worked on.
 - c. Programs: Recent Noyes programs have included scavenger hunts and paper plate snow twirlers. A hip-hop science program with activity kits is being undertaken system wide.
 - d. Cassandra summarized highlights from the recent joint library meeting.
5. Library board liaison's report
 - a. Toni Negro's term ended at the last meeting, and a new board liaison was not in attendance.
6. Noyes Library Foundation representative's report
 - a. The Foundation sent out an end-of-year letter to their email list.
 - b. Foundation members met with county and state representatives to discuss funding of the Noyes renovation project. The Foundation is actively seeking grants.
 - c. A StoryWalk was held in December and a new one will be going up this week: *Little Bear, Where are You Going Lars?*
7. Old business
 - a. The group discussed what sorts of projects the Noyes LAC can take on. LAC members can represent library patrons, but not the library itself, in public.

- b. Visitation patterns at Noyes were discussed. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays are busy; Wednesday nights are slower.
- 8. New business
 - a. Cassandra noted that Noyes staff are doing an amazing job with programming.
- 9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.