

Noyes Library for Young Children
Library Advisory Committee
Minutes
January 12, 2023
Via Zoom

Attendees:

Paulette Dickerson (chair), Jenny Gaylin, Janice Levine (MCPL Board Liaison), Amanda McCarthy, Lori McCarthy, Sarah Stanton, Dianne Whitaker (MCPL Regional Manager for Kensington Park, Noyes, Olney, and Wheaton), Mark Winek (secretary)

1. Call to Order: 7:33pm
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 13, 2022 minutes were approved
3. Announcements
 - a. Renewal of membership: multiple members need to renew their appointments to the LAC during 2023
 - b. Silver Spring newsletter: Paulette is continuing to work on getting the LAC meetings listed
4. Reports
 - a. Library Branch Manager—Dianne Whitaker
 - i. Staffing changes:
 1. Library Assistant 1 Becky Chen left Noyes for a full time position at Kensington Park in November 2022
 2. Koren Nero joined Noyes as Library Assistant 1 in December 2022
 - ii. Weeding
 1. Main collection focus to prepare for the renovation closure
 2. Collection Manager Felicity Brown will be visiting in February to discuss collection and weeding with staff
 - iii. Closure date
 1. We do not have a current closure date at this time
 - iv. Programming
 1. Continuing to be well attended
 2. Shifted to indoor programming December with the arrival of colder weather
 - a. Back-to back storytimes on Tuesdays
 - b. Saturdays: STEM event or storytime
 - c. December 2022 participation: 1,226 participants at 25 events
 - b. Library Board Liaison Report—Janice Levine
 - i. Joint Meeting II Montgomery County Library Board and Friends of the Library (FOLMC) on January 11
 1. Pam Saussy, President of the FOLMC Board of Trustees
 2. Anita Vasallo, MCPL Director provided updates

- a. Meeting with County Executive Marc Elrich to discuss FY24 budget on January 13
 - b. Hiring is robust - hired 21
 - c. Emphasis on children's programming
 - i. Upcoming Hatchlings early literacy program
 - ii. Winter Reading Program with Washington Wizards
 - iii. Excitement about 2023 Summer Reading Program
 - iv. Starting February 1, branches will be required to hold a minimum of one storytime per week
 - d. Pilot program in branches for immigrant communities called "I'm Your Neighbor" and sponsored by FOLMC
 - e. Launchpad tablet loans available in branches for children
 - 3. Deborah Lambert, Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget
 - a. Provided an overview of the operating budget and capital budget
 - b. \$49.5 million allocated, with approx. \$7.9 million for collections
 - 4. Jaime Flores - Assistant Director of Outreach and Programs
 - a. 80-100 outreach events planned for the year
 - b. Working to involve Latino teens into the library through specific programming
 - c. New teen program manager hired for MCPL and starting January 31
 - ii. Board is writing a position paper with the FOLMC in anticipation of upcoming budget hearings
 - 1. The paper will provide talking points and other information for public use
 - iii. LAC handbook revision
 - 1. The current LAC handbook is from 2020
 - 2. Work is continuing but contributory information has been received from FOLMC
 - 3. Soon will be passed to the Library Board for review and approval, anticipated at the February meeting
 - 4. Hoping to get it approved at the February meeting
 - c. Noyes Renovation re: Current Timeline—Elizabeth Lang
 - i. Elizabeth Lang was unable to attend
5. Old Business
- a. None
6. New Business
- a. Dianne
 - i. Celebrating 130th anniversary of Noyes (earlier this week)
 - 1. Official proclamation to be presented on February 7 at 9:15am at the Council Chamber - presented by Councilmember Friedson

2. Working to make it possible for Noyes staff to attend the ceremony
 3. LAC members encouraged to attend
 - ii. Information circulating about Noyes Library
 1. Interested in learning where news about Noyes is circulating
 2. Some news circulated recently that Noyes is closing in January, which is not correct as the current date of closure is not known
 3. What are some email lists or other channels that LAC members know of that circulate news about Noyes and/or library programs?
 - a. Sarah: member of North Chevy Chase Connections group and several PTA groups, including Rosemary Hills Elementary PTA group with over 500 members
 - b. Paulette: at one time, the LAC trying to recruit new members using local civic associations and listservs. LAC meetings have been in the Wheaton Civic Center newsletter
 - c. Amanda: member of Kensington Estates listserv
 - iii. Hatchlings program
 1. Sean and Luz from Noyes will provide training in March at Wheaton Library
 2. Training for parents and caregivers of children from 0-4 years
 3. Seeking to reach underserved communities
7. Adjournment: 8:03pm