

Noyes Library for Young Children
Library Advisory Committee
Minutes
March 9, 2023
Via Zoom

Paulette Dickerson (chair), Brigitte Dubois, Jenny Gaylin, Elizabeth Lang (Assistant Facilities and Accessibility Program Manager), Janice Levine (MCPL Board Liaison), Amanda McCarthy, Oliver McCarthy, Lori McCarthy, Sarah Stanton, Dianne Whitaker (MCPL Regional Manager for Kensington Park, Noyes, Olney, and Wheaton), Mark Winek (secretary)

Call to Order: 7:31pm

1. Introductions
2. Announcements
 - a. Renewal of membership: multiple members need to renew their appointments to the LAC during 2023
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes from January 12, 2023 were approved unanimously
4. Reports
 - a. Library Branch Manager—Dianne Whitaker
 - i. No staffing updates
 - ii. Collection
 1. Collection being weeded for condition and age
 2. Noyes visited by Felicity Brown, MCPL Collection Manager, to review weeding in anticipation of closure
 - iii. Facilities
 1. No update - still expected to occur in 2023
 - iv. Programming
 1. Back to back story times
 - a. Wednesday: story/dance party
 - b. Saturday: story time
 2. Outdoor storytimes planned to begin in March
 - a. Thursday story time moving from 9:30 to 10:15am
 3. 50 programs held in January and February
 4. Kensington Parkwood Elementary School event
 - a. Kindergarten class celebrated their completed narrative story project
 - b. 70% class turnout, along with family members
 - c. Scheduled for a Wednesday evening when there would be fewer public in the library
 - d. A teacher who was familiar with Noyes asked to hold the program at Noyes

5. Mother Goose on the Loose
 - a. In March, Noyes staff (Sean and Luz) are presenting Mother Goose on the Loose Hatchling Program for expectant parents
 - i. March 25, 11am at the Wheaton Library
 - ii. Scheduled through the Wheaton Library, not Noyes, due to the intended closure of Noyes at the original time of scheduling
 - b. 2 more Hatchlings programs upcoming
 - i. Long Branch (March 28) and White Oak (March 16) libraries
 - ii. Fall 2023 will feature programs for the “newly hatched” 0-4 month old children
- b. Library Board Liaison Report—Janice Levine
 - i. Board meeting on March 8
 1. Dianne Whitacker
 - a. Featured as a local hero in Rep. Jamie Raskin’s Local Heroes video series
 - b. Also featured on FOX5 10pm News for the Read Across America event on March 5
 2. LAC Handbook
 - a. Revised edition now published on the website
 - b. Will now have to be revised again within the year
 3. Library Board Library Policy and Practices Workgroup
 - a. Asking the LACs for input on library policies
 - b. Review [library policies on the website](#), particularly in the areas of circulation and computers
 - c. If possible, please review these policies and send any input that you have and they will be passed along to the workgroup
 4. Joint Position Paper from the Library Board and the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC)
 - a. Position Paper completed and will be distributed to the LAC membership
 - b. Desire to show that the Library’s priorities match with the County Executive’s primary objective of universal Kindergarten readiness
 5. Noyes Renovation
 - a. No new updates on timelines
 6. Updates
 - a. Newly hired MCPL positions
 - i. Data Analyst Performance Manager
 - ii. Teen Manager
 - b. Open MCPL positions

- i. Electronic Resources Librarian
 - c. Overdrive going away but Libby is staying
 - d. MCPL website is being designed - please provide feedback [using the link on the website](#)
 - c. Noyes Renovation re: Current Timeline—Elizabeth Lang
 - i. Unfortunately, there are no new updates
 - 1. Last update was in February 2023 that bids are being reviewed
 - 2. Closure was expected to be in the spring but has not yet come
 - 3. It is understood that it is difficult for the library staff to continue plan out some events and not others
 - ii. Questions
 - 1. What will happen to Noyes staff during the closure?
 - a. They will be assigned to another branch where there are openings
 - d. Noyes Foundation
 - i. Proclamation for the 130th birthday of the Noyes Library
 - 1. Held at the County Council office building on February 7
 - 2. Upcoming StoryWalks
 - a. Currently: “A Library” in Warner Circle
 - b. Upcoming:
 - i. Capitol View/Homewood Parkway in May
 - ii. Train theme for the 150th anniversary of the Metropolitan rail line
 - iii. St. Paul Park (tentative) June-July
- 5. Old Business
 - a. None
- 6. New Business
 - a. None

Adjourned at 8:12pm