

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Olney Library Advisory Committee Meeting

November 20, 2019

**Attending:** Nina Uzick (Co-Chair), Audrey Partington (Secretary), Mary Allman, Max Handelsman, Madeline Lyon, Jan Baird-Adams (Olney Branch Manager), Jensen Chiu (MCPL Board Liaison)

**Absent:** Maria Caswell (Co-Chair), Elfrida O'Reilly-Campbell, Walter Lee

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:** The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. The October minutes were approved.

### 1. Manager's Report

**a. Staffing:** The Olney Library's head of Adult Services will soon be moving to Damascus Library. The position has been posted for MCPL employees seeking transfers.

**b. Programming:** The library will suspend story times the last two weeks of December. Instead, the library will add "playtime at the library," which will feature early learning toys for pre-schoolers. Next summer the library will host a one-week arts camp in cooperation with the Olney Theater.

**c. Facilities:** The property manager has sought price quotes for traffic flow signs in the Olney Library's parking lot. She has not responded to the request about getting additional No Smoking/No Vaping signs. Nina suggested letting the property manager know that the LAC is pushing hard on the issue. Restriping of the parking spaces is needed. The lighting by accessible parking spaces was repaired. Repairs are need to the porch lighting.

**d. Services:** Olney Library will be getting its own overdrive system, outside of the consortium membership.

**e. Other:** There have been complaints about problem patrons who loiter at the library. Community Police Officer Katie Beard was contacted to deal with a patron who was subsequently removed and banned from the library. Nina witnessed the incident and noted that Jan handled the situation with calmness and professionalism. The LAC suggested that a "No Loitering" sign be posted more prominently so that the rule can be enforced.

**2. MCPL Board Liaison Report:** Jensen Chiu reported that the FOL/LAC Joint meeting on Nov 6 at Wheaton Library was well-attended despite last minute change of venue. Eleven branches were represented, and approximately 75% of the branch managers attended. An aide from Councilman Will Jawando's office attended, along with Councilman Gabe Albornaz. Mary reported on the keynote speaker, Kathleen Stevens from the American Enterprise Institute, who discussed the importance of early childhood education. The Friends of the Library are in favor of adopting all of her recommendations, while the Library Board favors adopting some, but not all. Jan and Walter attended the County Executive's Nov. 13 budget forum, which was packed. Mr. Elrich gave his speech about his 7 priorities. The next budget forum will be held on Dec. 9 from 1:30 to 3 pm at Leisure World. The next joint FOL/LAC meeting will be held on Jan. 8 at Rockville Library.

### 3. Old Business

**a.** Mary sent a letter to Macmillan's about their policy to embargo newly released e-book titles for library lending. She has not received a response yet.

**b. Other: Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The LAC will not meet in December. The next LAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Audrey Partington.*