

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Olney Library Advisory Committee Meeting
February 19, 2020

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

Absent: Maria Caswell (Co-Chair), Max Handelsman, Elfrida O'Reilly-Campbell

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: The meeting began at 7:10 p.m. The November minutes were approved.

1. Library Manager's Report: Jan Baird-Adams offered the following report

a. Staffing: The Olney Library's new head of Adult Services is Nancy Wilcox. Nancy stopped by to introduce herself to the Olney LAC. The positions of Librarian Assistant I and Library Desk Assistant have been filled. Interviews are being conducted for head of Children's Services. Interviews for the Assistant Manager position begin next week. Part-time positions for Librarian I and Librarian Desk Assistant remain to be filled.

b. Programming: Story times have been reduced from 4 to 2 per month but are supplemented with "playtimes." Plans are in place for the 2020 Summer Reading Program, "Read and Learn." Programs will feature 8-9 live performers.

c. Facilities: No update on signage at this time. Jan will follow up again.

d. Services: Librarian Carole Reddan will be participating in the county's "Innovator Accelerator Program." The goal is to review county library processes with the aim of making them better. These include putting the Picture Book Index online, allowing users to check-out books without presenting their library cards, and engaging teens while they "hang out" at the library.

2. MCPL Board Liaison Report: Jensen Chiu reported that MCPL now has its own OverDrive account. He also noted that Germantown Library will close this fall for a refresh. Long Branch is awaiting a closure date for its refresh this summer. Potomac Library will have a walk-through with the Dept of General Services following its refresh. County Councilman Will Juwando will visit the Olney Library on June 4.

3. Old Business:

a. Mary Allman announced that members of Legislative District 14 were at the Sandy Spring Firehouse on December 12, 2019. The team include Craig Zucker, Anne Kaiser, Pam Queen, and Eric Lutke.

4. New Business:

a. Audrey Partington asked if the LAC would like to be represented on the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee (OTCAC). She explained OTCAC's mission with regard to redevelopment in the Olney Town Center and asked if anyone would volunteer to sit on the Committee. The consensus was that the LAC need not be represented on OTCAC but should periodically attend GOCA meetings and report on the Library's activities.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next LAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18.

Minutes recorded by Audrey Partington.