

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Olney Library Advisory Committee Meeting
Virtual via Zoom – May 20, 2025

Attending: Audrey Partington (Secretary), Maria Caswell, Walter Lee, Madeline Lyon, Dianne Whitaker (Regional Manager), Tim Lighter (Library Board liaison)

Absent: Ursula Gorham (Chair) Max Handelsman, Harry Needleman, Nina Uzick

Call to Order, Approval of Minutes: In Ursula's absence, Audrey called the meeting to order at 7:05. Without a quorum, the April minutes could not be approved.

1. Regional Manager's Report: Dianne Whitaker provided the update below.

a. Facilities: The ant problem near the FOL Booksale area has been reduced. The HVAC system has been iffy. A bat was spotted in the library but then left.

b. Programs: The Summer Reading Program will begin on June 14. This year's theme is "Color My World." The new registration procedures for Bone Builders went smoothly. The May 4 book talk featuring local author Sara Goodman Confino drew 50 attendees. Fifteen teens participated in the Pizza-palooza. One-on-one group computer classes are being offered. A financial seminar with Brian Coon will be held on May 21.

c. Collections: No update

d. Staffing: The Assistant Branch Supervisor will attend the Maryland Library Association Meeting in Ocean City, Md., May 8-9.

2. MCPL Board Liaison Report: Tim Lighter reported that the budget passed, with County Executive Erlich's library budget remaining as it was submitted. He noted that there has been an issue of members of LACs attending meetings of other LACs, and inviting them to join other groups. Several weeks ago, MCPL Director Darcell Graham hosted a field trip for her staff and the Library Board. They visited a number of libraries in other counties (Westminster, Carroll, Baltimore City) that are offering unique programs. Tim presented a slideshow with highlights from the trip. He noted that the funding and organizational structure for MCPL is through the county, which is different than these other library systems.

3. New Business: Olney LAC elections will be held at the June meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:50. The next meeting will be held (virtually) on June 17 at 7 p.m.