

MARILYN J. PRAISNER LIBRARY
LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 15th, 2021 7:00 PM

Members present: Aliya Abbas (Chairperson), Collis Crews (Secretary), Laura Briskin-Limehouse (Board Rep), Vicky Taheri, Tina Deifallah (Branch Manager). One guest attended for all or part of the meeting.

1. Call to order - 7:07 PM

- Minutes from Thursday, January 21, 2021 were reviewed and approved

2. Reports

- Library Board Liaison Report
 - I. **Wheaton Library Branch**- currently a Covid vaccination site; Hold to Go service has been suspended for the time being.
 - II. **Budget** - MCPL Director Anita Vassallo expects the budget to pass through County council without any objection. Monies from CARES Act, Institute of Library and Museum Services are anticipated to be distributed to states, then distributed to state jurisdictions with the hope that Montgomery Co. is a recipient of some of the funds.
 - III. **Branch Reopenings**- No date for six branches in Montgomery County (this includes Marilyn J. Praisner) to re-open because Memoranda of Understanding (MOU)s are pending receipt from the unions.
 - IV. **Libraries After Dark Gala**-virtual event this year; raised over 40k for MCPL.
 - V. **LAC Elections** - Library Board is permitting LACs to maintain a 12 month term for positions based on the timing of last elections, but the new election deadline is June 1st. Any LAC that doesn't meet the new deadline is still open to have elections this year, but length of terms could be limited.

- Agency Manager's Report
 - I. **Collection**- no major changes in physical materials.
 1. RB Digital was recently absorbed into Overdrive, therefore, most RB content is now accessible on Overdrive. Catalog is still catching up to capture audio/E-books RB Digital offered but slipped away during transition. Acorn TV is no longer available.
 2. Lynda.com to become LinkedIn Learning.
 3. New ILS for MCPL; training group including various branch staff, technical staff, collections management representatives, and administrative staff is in process of being formed. Should be live before the end of 2021, potentially in the fall.
 - II. **Facility**-Nothing to report, heating has been switched to AC.
 - III. **Programming**- virtual programming still in effect.
 1. Take Make and Meet scheduled for next Friday, April 23.
 2. Vinyl Day, April 17th from 12 PM to 3 PM

3. FOLMC to sponsor teen program; it will focus on how to find your voice through writing and public speaking in formal and informal settings. Speaker will be Joy Jones. Name of the program and date is currently pending.
4. Contemporary Conversations featuring Washington Post's Michelle Singletary at 7 PM on April 24th.

IV. **Services-**

1. Hot spots are still available.
2. Wifi has been extended to the parking lot; information has been added to marquee sign near the entrance.
3. The marquee sign will also feature the official date of the branch reopening once that date is confirmed.

3. Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business.

4. New Business

- Praisner Branch Friends of the Library Group now has a treasurer.
- Future meetings will continue to be scheduled quarterly on the third Thursday of the month until the branch opens. When the branch opens, the frequency will change to every two months.
- Next meeting dates: June 17th, 2021 at 7pm (tentative pending decision to open library by that time) July 15th, 2021 will be the date if branch remains closed.

5. Meeting adjourned at 7:40