

Marilyn Praisner Library Advisory Committee
July 17, 2024
7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Hybrid and In-Person

Present: Dianne Whitaker (Regional Manager); Wilma Brier (Board Liaison); Aliya Abbas (LAC Chair); Johnna Mahoney (LAC Secretary); Robin Dennis; Robert Aceituno; Tiy van der Vaal (Community/School Liaison at Greencastle Elementary)

1. Call to order - 7:07 pm - Quorum met
2. Prior minutes reviewed and approved
3. Reports
 - a. Membership Report
 - i. New member - Robert. Welcome!
 - ii. Aliya to reach out to Arun to see if they are still interested in being part of the LAC
 - b. Regional Manager's Report
 - i. Facilities
 1. Two computers have been out of service
 2. There is new furniture and toys coming for the discovery room
 3. Support rods in adult fiction have been fixed
 4. Study room #2 has been reopened to the public (was used for COVID storage)
 - ii. Collections
 1. Adult fiction/non-fiction shifting was completed in June
 2. Children's read-a-long books have moved, DVDs are in their old space.
 - iii. Programs
 1. Past programs:
 - a. There has been minimal program attendance in teen programs this summer.
 - b. There were 10 attendees at a service program creating dental hygiene kits
 - c. Lego time started in July, offered every Wednesday
 - d. Summer reading challenge is going well
 - e. LinkedIn bootcamp has had steady attendance
 2. Upcoming highlights:
 - a. Friday, July 26 - "Greece" lightning program for children
 - b. Saturday July 27 11 am - visit from Montgomery County Agricultural Fair
 - c. Tuesday, July 30 5-7pm - all ages international game night. Teens will be helping.
 - d. Tuesday August 6 2-3 pm - candy sushi for teens.

- e. Saturday, August 10 - Annual "Just for the Record" vinyl day at Brigadier General
 - f. Fall programs under review, to be announced soon
 - g. Toy swap planned in November
 - h. ESL conversation club starting in October, looking for volunteers
 - i. Also looking for outreach opportunities for bilingual (French, Spanish, Amharic)
 - iv. Staffing
 - 1. New teen services star is starting in August
- c. Library Board Liaison Report
 - i. There will be new library board members, and may be changes in how board members are assigned to libraries/LACs
 - ii. The board is looking for ways to increase LAC involvement with board - possibly budget
- 4. Unfinished Business
 - a. Aliya's "why I love the library campaign" - will fit well with Library Lover's Month in February.
- 5. New Business
 - a. Tiy van der Vall, community/school liaison at Greencastle Elementary
 - i. Wants to increase the cooperation between the library and Greencastle Elementary
 - ii. There is a resource fair at Greencastle August 23 from 2-5:30p - would love Praisner library representation
 - iii. Interested in ways to increase toddler presence at the library
 - iv. Allow pre-k programs to visit the library
 - b. Elections 2024
 - i. President - Aliya interested in continuing as president. Much discussion had about her eligibility - decision made that since LAC has only recently had sufficient active members, she is eligible to serve as president this term but will not be
 - ii. Secretary - Johnna to continue.
 - iii. Votes held and were unanimous.
 - c. Robert interested in creating an educational program around stamps, to discuss with Tina and Luz.
 - d. Trying to improve outreach to Amharic-speaking community - Robert to invite community member to next meeting
- 6. Meeting Adjourned - **next meeting will be September 18**