

Marilyn Praisner Library Advisory Committee

March 19, 2025

7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Hybrid and In-Person

Present: Dianne Whitaker (Regional Manager); Johnna Mahoney (LAC Secretary); Melanye Johnson (Library Board Liaison); Robert Aceituno

1. Call to order - Quorum not met, called to order at 7:07
2. No quorum, minutes not voted on
3. Reports
  - a. Membership Report
    - i. Nothing new to report
  - b. Regional Manager's Report - not a lot to report
    - i. Facilities
      1. No serious issues reported this month
      2. Minor door sticking on staff entrance
    - ii. Collections
      1. Children's and teen collections have highest use
      2. Staff would like to see world language collection reflect current demographics -
        - a. Adult Spanish
        - b. Would prefer French and Amharic rather than Korean
    - iii. Programs
      1. Past programs:
        - a. No special programs this month
        - b. Regular strong attendance to family storytime
        - c. Had bilingual French/English storytime with 40+ attendees
        - d. STEM crafts
        - e. English conversation club on Monday evenings - not strong attendance - may need a different date/time
      2. Upcoming highlights:
        - a. Teen personal finance session
        - b. April will be celebrating Earth month
      3. Outreach - no outreach updates
    - iv. Staffing - Stable currently, one vacancy for library associate for children's
  - c. Library Board Liaison Report
    - i. Library Board meeting last week on March 12
      1. Children's guest speaker
        - a. Discussed expanding offerings for babies/toddler/preschool
        - b. Want to increase summer reading participation
        - c. Refreshing 1000 books before kindergarten, Hatchlings
        - d. Children's Opportunity Alliance
      2. Approved LAC applications

3. Director's report
  - a. MoComCon
  - b. Winter Reading was a success
  - c. Tax prep season is a good opportunity to connect with the community
  - d. Several refreshes going on - Brigadier General Charles McGee; Damascus; Noyes; Shady Grove
    - i. Discussing continuity of services for closings
  - e. Library resource guide for workers impacted by federal government
  - f. Budget discussion
    - i. Public hearings to discuss budget April 7 and 8
  - g. Library week/staff appreciation
4. LAC recruitment
  - a. Had tried to use Library Lovers' month in February as recruitment for LACs
  - b. Board is going to host networking event for LACs
  - c. Will be hosted by the board, looking for LACs to cohost
  - d. Looking at a May date - possibly May 1 in the evening, possibly a weekend
5. Next library board meeting on April 9
4. Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 - next meeting scheduled for April 16