

Quince Orchard LAC  
Meeting Minutes  
June 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chair Linda Raden. The minutes from the prior meeting were approved as written. Dates for future meetings was agreed for Sept. 25, Nov. 20, Jan. 15, Mar. 19 and May 21. Linda told of the FOL award given to Aggregate Industries for their ongoing contribution of funds to QO FOL. We have been asked to provide term dates for LAC members. Jim submitted a previous list which needs updating. We suggested that everyone have a start date of 1/1/18 because the QO Library was closed for an extended time while it was refreshed.

Agency Manager James Stewart shared info about the Summer Reading Program with a variety of online and in-person activities for children aged 0-teen. Upon completion of 3 activities, a prize may be selected from a treasure chest. There are prizes for 6, 9 and 12 activities as well. Greg shared info that the Quiet Room is very good.

Library Board Liaison Toni Negro told us that the LAC manual is still being reviewed by the county attorney and is not yet available for distribution. A new LAC recruitment brochure has been released. And Toni offered to try to recruit members personally in the near future. A new Facility Manager has been hired and is shadowing Rita Gale, who is retiring soon. Bethesda has reopened and was renamed Connie Morella Library. The pilot charging no fines for children's books has concluded, and a proposal to implement it at all branches is waiting for approval by the County Executive. (Pratt Library in Baltimore charges no fines at all. Montgomery County collects about \$2 million annually from fines.) The current county budget provides \$3 million for print and visual materials and \$2 million for electronic resources. Two new databases are Lynda.com, with training videos, and kanopy.com for streaming video. Both can be accessed either from an MCPL location or from an individual home, with validation of a library card number/passcode. Toni urged us to include library funding as a criterion when voting for new county officials.

Kathy showed some possible examples for an Idea Box. We all liked the (glass) cookie jar, which will need some tweaking to stabilize so it cannot be easily dropped and broken. Attaching it to a sheet of plexiglass may work, with an acrylic stand for the recruitment brochures.

Acquisition of card tables for a Game and Handcraft program continues to be a stopper. Toni suggested that we call it BYOG: Bring Your Own Game. Kathy will investigate retail cost for 4 tables (no special chairs are needed) and if approved, Jim will seek approval from the Department and the QO FOL to purchase them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.