

Rockville Library Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

2023 Rockville Library Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 11 July 2023 at 5:00 pm
 Meeting Format: Hybrid
 Meeting Location: MCPL – Rockville, 1st Floor Meeting Room
[21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850](https://www.mcppl.org/locations/21-Maryland-Avenue-Rockville-MD-20850)
 Meeting Recording: None
 Next Scheduled Meeting Date: 05 September 2023 at 5:00 pm (recurs on 1st Tuesdays, monthly)

Attendees: 7

Office	Members	I	V	P	U	Proxy	*.*
Branch Supervisor	Gretchen Benson						
LAC Committee Chair	Lilian Snyder		I				
	Carolyn Goshen		V				
	Shu Zhang						
LAC Committee Secretary	Chuck James		V				
	Sue Unger		I				
	Tahlia Williams		V				
	Heyjung (Charlotte) Ku						
	Tarik Shenkore						

Office	Guests	I	V	P	U	Proxy	*.*
Library Board Liaison	Candice Will		V				
Regional Manager	Patrick Fromm		I				

("I" is in Person, "V" is virtual, "P" is by proxy, "U" is a vacant Office)

Notes:

Quorum: 5:01 pm

1) Approval Minutes of preceding meeting: 5:02 pm
Moved: Lilian Snyder **Second:** Chuck James
For: 5 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

2) Announcements NONE

3) Reports

A) Board Liaison [Candice Will]

- i) Summaries of the June 14, 2023 Library Board Meeting and Director’s Report were provided, including the approval of four new LAC members. The Board will not meet in August and intends to offer the choice to attend in-person or virtually in the future. The Board intends to edit the LAC handbook, will seek input from LACs this fall, and expects to publish final revisions next year.

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B) Regional Manager **[Patrick Fromm]**

- i) Review of recent Rockville Branch activities was provided, including June's Pride month and the summer reading kickoff. Planning has begun on next year's kickoff, which may be held in multiple areas.
- ii) World language materials will be moving to the 1st floor to improve visibility. The Bambisauras display will be moved into place of prominence and dinosaur activities are planned for story time.
- iii) Repair needs for the Lobby area and elevators were outlined.
- iv) An update was provided on plans for the Teen Area. Estimates have been received for the Maker Space and the funds are currently encumbered. A community night may be scheduled to view the space to solicit comments on renovation. Discussion was held on plans to locate the teen collection and a robotics lab in the space. A glassed-in area was suggested to provide sight lines and control noise. Additional suggestions for features and amenities will be collected from the teen community.

4) Old Business

- A)** A summary recent teen community suggestions for features and amenities was provided, which included charging stations, book posters and recommendation stations, flexible seating, vending machines, more LGBTQ+ books, and notice boards. Discussion was held on whether the books in current collection speaking to teens. A survey of what teens are reading was suggested.
- B)** A discussion of events at the Rockville Branch was held with a focus upon whether these activities were benefiting visitors.
 - i) The Summer Reading Program was identified as an area in need of improvement to make a more memorable experience, increase ongoing engagement, and provide greater benefits or rewards to students.
 - ii) Outreach to and programs for seniors were discussed with senior housing close to the Rockville Branch identified as potential focal areas. While nothing has been specifically detailed for this fiscal year, suggestions included Read to a Senior, Vintage Movie Discussion Groups and sessions on using the library's digital resources.

5) New Business **None**

6) Next Meeting **Virtual** on 05 September 2023

- A)** Poll of the attendees indicated preference that no meeting be held this August, that the next meeting be virtual, and that in-person or hybrid meetings be scheduled when Rockville Branch staff needs to attend.

7) Adjournment: **5:43 pm**