

Rockville Library Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

2025 Rockville Library Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 24 November 2025 at 8:30 pm
 Meeting Format: [Virtual](#)
 Meeting Location: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82058022923>
 LAC Meeting Minutes Archive: [LAC Agendas and Minutes](#)
 LAC Meeting Calendar: [MCPL Board and LAC Meeting Calendar](#)
 Next Scheduled Meeting Date: 22 December 2025 at 8:30 pm

Attendees: 06

Office	Members	I	V	P	U	Proxy	*.*
	Tahlia Williams						Withdrawn
	Lilian Snyder						
	Carolyn Goshen		V				
	Shu Zhang						
LAC Committee Secretary	Chuck James		V				
	Sue Unger						Bad Address
	Heyjung (Charlotte) Ku		V				
	Megan Bucholtz						Withdrawn
	Rebecca Bachlott						
	Gerald Heng						
	Leo Brooks						
	Leslie Milk		V				
	Ashley Sutherland						
	John Thiroff		V				
	Sarah Gentry						
	Brooks Hanson						
	Tom Hurst						
	Yadmila Matos						No address
	Maria Fikru		V				

Office	Guests	I	V	P	U	Proxy	*.*
Library Board Liaison	MariLyn Schiff		V				
Branch Manager - Rockville	Claire Rossin		V				
Regional Manager	Emily Levine		V				

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

Roll Call of Attendees: 8:44 pm

Quorum: 8:45 pm

Following review of the LAC Handbook from the MCPL website, a Quorum was provisionally declared pending determination of “inactive members are removed” provision on page 11.

1) Preliminaries

A) The withdrawal of Member Meghan Bucholtz was shared.

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B) John Thirolf was selected as temporary Chair for this meeting by unanimous consent.

2) Reports

A) Board Liaison

[Marilyn Schiff]

- i) A review of the November 2025 MCPL LAC meeting included:
 - ◆ Darcel Graham spoke about starting a local author showcase and several efforts to address the effects upon the community of the federal government shutdown.
 - ◆ Announcement that the MCPL 75th anniversary will be celebrated in 2026 at the same time as Montgomery County's 200th anniversary; and that the new branch proposed near Shady Grove metro will be a 21st century library focused on innovative offerings.
 - ◆ Placement of counters in branches was discussed.
 - ◆ Patrick Fromm reported on MCPL staffing.
- ii) Changes to the format of LAC meetings were discussed.
- iii) The MCPL Report to the Community will be distributed.

B) Regional Manager

[Emily Levine]

- i) Oversight of the Central Program Team was discussed, including Story Time programs with therapy dogs and authors' panels.
- ii) Events for the MCPL 75th anniversary will be published by the end of this month.
- iii) It was noted that Branch door count was up but circulation was down and options are being explored to raise the numbers.
- iv) Written reports are embedded.

Rockville Branch Manager Report – June 2025	 Data added Rockville LAC Branch
Rockville Branch Manager Report – November 2025	 RVM LAC November Report.111525.docx

C) Branch Manager

[Claire Rossin]

- i) A need for additional staffing was indicated.
- ii) Discussion on Programs included information on the November workshops for new parents and the role of early literacy. January will feature a book tasting event for all ages featuring a variety of genres. Expansion of other language offerings is under development for both teen and adult new language learners. Emphasis was placed on developing programs that bring people together.
- iii) The Branch is now loaning video games.
- iv) Collections have been moved to make things easier for patrons to find.

3) New Business

The following items were discussed as new business:

- A)** Review of LAC – Rockville member list to remove non-attendees
- B)** Using LAC-Rockville meetings as a means to get good news about the Branch out to people
- C)** Hiring for a social media position is underway
- D)** Methods of publishing Branch events

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4) Public Comment

NONE

5) Next Meeting

Virtual on 22 December at 8:30 pm

6) Adjournment:

9:28 pm

Moved: **Leslie Milk**

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.