

Silver Spring Library Advisory Committee (LAC)
Regular Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Texts of reports and comments are surrounded by ### and were submitted to the Secretary via email after the meeting.

SSLAC Members present: Dana M. Anderson, Judy Boggess, Jill Brantley, Jessica Deibert, Paulette Dickerson (Chair), Rodney Elin, Saa Fillie, Regina Germain, Melvyn Greberman, Mary Ann Nyamweya (Secretary), Scott Shoreman, Robyn Watts.

Members absent: Lisa Thomas.

Others present: Laura Briskin-Limehouse (Board Liaison), Uzo Onyemaechi (Silver Spring Library Branch Manager).

Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 2019 minutes: Boggess motioned to approve minutes as first submitted, Brantley seconded. Minutes approved as submitted.

ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS took place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (by Chair):

Montgomery County Council member Will Jawando's Community Conversation event on June 12 at the Silver Spring Library was well attended.

Upcoming June 21 event with District 1 Councilmember Andrew Friedson, Friday With Friedson, in Kensington at Car Wash Coffee.

District 18 Breakfast Club event was June 10, District 5 Councilmember Tom Hucker there, discussing the budget.

Noted that Friends of the Library, Silver Spring Chapter President Joseph House absent from meeting.

Maryland Library Association meeting.

SILVER SPRING LIBRARY MANAGER REPORT

Presented by Uzo Onyemaechi, Library Manager.

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COLLECTION/STAFF

We continue to process our new books and weed the collection to meet our goal of meeting the needs of our community and fulfilling our Strategic plans. To that effect we are meeting our requirements for circulation of most of our collection in all formats.

Marilyn Praisner Library is closed for 4-6 months and we got two (2) of their Circulation staff till they re-open sometime later this year.

FACILITY

Foot traffic of approximately 31,094 customers for the month of May 2019 – affected by holidays and construction all around us.

Silver Spring Library has started its Summer Extension Hours whereby the library is open until 9 pm on Fridays and Saturdays from May 31, 2019 through August 24, 2019.

PROGRAMMING

MCPL's Summer Read and Learn program kicked off this past Saturday, June 15, 2019 and will go on till August 31, 2019. This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories." The program offers kids and teens a chance to fill their summer with great books and fun activities. Read books, do fun learning activities, and attend events all summer long. You'll earn badges and prizes and enjoy fun raffles!

Participating is easy:

- Sign up (or log in) online (or in any library branch).
- <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/programs/summer-read-and-learn.html>
- Visit a branch to pick up a game board and your minor league baseball ticket.
- Earn points to complete the program.

- Visit your branch to pick up your prizes while supplies last.

We continue to provide our regularly scheduled weekly programs.

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Discussion:

Air conditioning problem, library had to close; Library Board meets in July, Briskin-Limehouse will mention this.

Automatic doors having problems.

Ladies' room hand dryer not working on 3rd floor.

Councilmember Jawando mentioned maintenance problems at his event.

Discussion about county facility maintenance process, its basis, workforce, labor standards, etc. Briskin-Limehouse will mention also at next Board meeting.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Presented by Laura Briskin-Limehouse, MCPL Board.

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**Montgomery County Public Libraries
Director's Report
July 10, 2019**

- **Personnel** -The following staff changes took place during the months of May and June:
 - Promotion:
 - James Donaldson was promoted from Manager III (Olney Library branch manager) to Manager II (assistant director, Central Administration)
 - Separated from County service:
 - Georgeta Crisan, Library Assistant I, Twinbrook Library
 - Lisa Clarke, Senior Librarian, Gaithersburg Library
 - Bonnie Gregory, Library Assistant I, Damascus Library
 - Nancy Reynaud, Library Desk Assistant, Germantown Library
- **Refresh/Construction Projects Update:**
 - Long Branch - There's a delay due to the complication of designing the roof and wall replacements. Design should be completed in August.
 - Wheaton- Library received partial Use and Occupancy and will begin to move interim collection into the new library next week. Building is scheduled to open late summer.
 - Marilyn Praisner -Currently the renovation is on schedule and we are looking for substantial completion for September.
- In partnership with Recorded Books, MCPL has launched **Learn It Live** offering interactive, live video courses and thousands of recorded courses on health and wellness, spirituality, and personal development. This service allows library customers to interact with top authors and expert instructors from around the world. Topics include cooking, nutrition, childcare, financial wellness, fitness, yoga, mindfulness, meditation, stress reduction, and more.
- **Councilmember Jawando's Community Conversations** will continue with Long Branch and Damascus libraries, July 22 and July 31, respectively. Both events will begin at 7 PM.
- **A dedication of a mural** at the Connie Morella branch is scheduled for Thursday, July 11 at 7 PM. The mural was funded by Friends of the Library, Connie Morella Chapter.

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Discussion:

County moving to outcome-based budgeting.

Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore is beautiful building.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Purple Line: there is a minimum notice period of 72 hours for utility work.

Alleys will remain open throughout construction period.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

Nyamweya is unable to accept the position of SSLAC Chair as was voted at last meeting.

Elin nominated Dickerson for Chair; Germain seconded. Unanimous vote for Dickerson to be chair next year.

Dickerson will ask for Board permission to extend for another year.

Possible Summer Meeting

Library Manager will see if space available for a special July 15th meeting, about what will happen around the Silver Spring Library location over the next 3 years, due to Purple Line construction, etc.

Summer Hours

Watts: can we quantify reason to be open late during the summer?

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

For agenda items, send to Chair – two weeks' notice is needed.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Mary Ann Nyamweya.