

## Wheaton Library Advisory Committee Meeting – March 18, 2019 – 7:30 PM



**Attendees:** Carolyn Teich, Naomi Kawin, Thelda McMillian, Diana Dubransky, Carol Beder, Yesvy Gustasp, Jane Williams, Dianne Whitaker Chris Farrell (KMCA/ACT)

- I. Jessica called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. The February minutes were approved.
  
- II. Joint Meeting, presented by Jane Williams

The library board met March 13. It approved applications for LAC membership and OK'd Jane Williams to be board vice-chair, to replace Kim Durcho, who is moving from the county. Interviews of nominees for board slots will take place soon

### Acting Director's Report

- FY20 Budget

County Executive presented his FY20 Recommended Operating Budget and highlighted his budget priorities at a March 15 press conference. The County Council will review and modify this budget and will act on it in May. The recommended operating budget for MCPL for FY20 is \$43 million, an increase of \$156,314 or 0.36% from the FY19 approved budget. It would fund the salary and benefit cost increases in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the County's minimum wage law and will maintain funding for new technologies. Mr. Elrich is recommending four new positions for reopening the Wheaton Library in FY20.

Because there is a budget shortfall for FY20, Mr. Elrich directed each department to produce a target reduction of 4% of its FY19 budget. MCPL will create its \$1.7 million target by holding 32 part-time positions vacant during the year and increasing overall salary lapse. The positions held open will rotate during the year to lessen the burden on individual branches.

- Refresh/Construction Projects Update:
  - Chevy Chase – No definite date
  - Long Branch – No definite date – anticipate August 2019
  - Marilyn Praisner – No definite date – anticipate late April 2019
  - Wheaton – Substantial completion expected late April/early May 2019
- **New resources** being offered in partnership with Recorded Books:
  - Acorn TV provides thousands of hours of international programming.

- The Great Courses Library Collection offers unlimited access to top university professors and experts. There are hundreds of videos on subjects ranging from photography to physics, astronomy to art, history to health.
- Qello is the world's largest collection of concert films and music documentaries. This service allows MCPL cardholders to watch over 1,500 amazing live moments in music streamed on-demand to most digital devices.
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- **VOX™ Books** has been launched as part of the collection. VOX™ Books are the world's first audio books that live in print books. The permanently attached VOX™ Reader transforms an ordinary print book into an all-in-one read-along.

The board's next meeting will be April 10.

- III. Library Manager's Report to the Wheaton LAC – presented by Dianne Whitaker  
 Facilities – The Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center has reached approximately 82 percent completion. Interior finishes are being installed. The front and rear entrances are being completed. The elevator is being installed. HVAC system is being prepared for testing. Flooring is being prepared for installation. A PowerPoint of several recent photographs has been prepared for viewing.

Collection – The library has created displays for Women's History Month and Vinyl Day. Vox books have hit the Wheaton shelves and flown out the door. Vox books are recorded books integrated with text books for young children.

Programs: The Wheaton Interim library will be hosting a Basic Investing class on Wednesday April 10, 2019 at 5:00 pm. This will be part of Money Smart Week and Financial Literacy Month. Regular programs will continue through April 14, 2019. Due anticipated staffing changes there may be program changes in later part of April. Full-time Spanish speaking children's librarian will join staff.

Services: Wheaton branch staff will be visiting Glen Haven Elementary School Math and Reading Night on March 21, 2019 and will visiting the MacDonald Knolls Early Childhood Center on March 25 and 27, 2019.

- IV. New Business

Wheaton reopening – three new full-time positions and one part-time position to be added to Wheaton when the new library opens. Suggestion that members of the LAC write letters to the county council stating that opening Wheaton Library on-time should be a budget priority. Looking at a late summer 2019 opening. Discussion of what activities might take place at the opening, including a ribbon cutting and open house. Also thinking about what authors the library may want at opening.

Chris Farrell from the Kemp Mill Civic Association visited. Asked about the possibility of moving a bus stop closer to the library. Suggestion that he talk to county transportation planners since the library department cannot make that decision.

- V. Adjournment at 8:45 pm and next meeting
- VI. The next meetings will be held on: 4/15, 5/20, and 6/17.