

## Wheaton Library Advisory Committee Meeting – May 20, 2019 – 7:30 PM



**Attendees:** Jessica French (Co-chair), April Rivers (secretary), Jane Williams (MCLB), Thelda McMillian, Carolyn Teich, Yesvy Gustasp, Diane Dubrawsky, Naomi Kawin, Carol Bender, and Dianne Whitaker (Ex-officio -- Wheaton Interim Library Manager).

- I. Elaine called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. The April minutes were approved.
- II. Joint Meeting, presented by Jane Williams

The board met May 8 and approved applications for Library Advisory Committee memberships for Silver Spring (2), Olney (1) and Maggie Nightingale (1).

### Director's Report

Acting Director Vassallo updated the board on various personnel changes in the system. She also summarized the status of several refresh and construction projects:

- Long Branch: Plaza, back patio and roof being assessed. Closing may be in July.
- Marilyn Praisner: Closed April 13. Construction should begin on May 17.
- Wheaton: Anticipated opening late summer (late Aug./early Sept.) 2019.
- Maggie Nightingale: MCPL requested to delay this refresh to address issues at Germantown first. Councilmember Friedson and the Town of Poolesville would like to find a way to keep the Maggie Nightingale Library on schedule.

### Reports of Board's Work Groups:

- Board and LAC Activities: Jane Williams talked with the board about including supplemental questions in the LAC annual report – e.g., what worked well for the group this year – so that narrative answers could be compiled and shared. LACs will also be given the opportunity this fall to suggest changes to the current LAC handbook.
- Legislative and Public Affairs: Brandon Rippeon reported on a recent meeting of several board and FOL members with BB Otero, an assistant to Executive Elrich, regarding the county's early childhood initiative and the library system's already sizable contributions to that initiative. The Education & Culture Committee of the County Council did recommend funds in FY20 to extend hours at Damascus and Long Branch, which the Council accepted during its reconciliation process the week of May 13. (Long Branch will be closed for part of FY20 because of its refresh.) The Council also endorsed the E&C Committee's request for an update on the role/future of the MCPL.

- Library Policy and Practices: Bill Duval mentioned his group's concern with tracking LAC members' terms. (Though they may serve an unlimited number of terms, they do need to reapply every three years.) Regina Holyfield-Jewett reminded the board that a member of her staff twice a year sends each LAC chair and branch manager a LAC roster for updating. She agreed that the LAC board liaison will be copied on each update too.

June 12, 7:00 p.m., is the next meeting of Montgomery County Library Board, Rockville Library

### III. Library Manager's Report to the Wheaton LAC – presented by Dianne Whitaker

**Facilities:** The Wheaton Interim branch will be closing during the Summer 2019. The Wheaton Library and Community Recreation is approximately 92 percent complete. Ceiling tiles and flooring are being installed in the next few weeks. Shelving will be installed when flooring is completed. The gym and social hall floors are complete. The new building will house yoga, dance, and pottery studios. The entrance will feature a recreation service desk to check patrons into the recreation side of the building.

**Collection:** Materials are being collected for the new building. Preparation has begun for moving.

**Programs:** Preschool story times will continue until the Wheaton Interim closes and begin again in the Fall. Wheaton is not planning to actively participate in the MCPL Summer Read and Learn program: A Universe of Stories but may register children in the beginning of the summer. SCORE will move to Aspen Hill in July and August.

**Services:** The Wheaton library is focusing on the new services for FY2020. We are interested in community feedback. A proposed service may be a Memory Lab for the Wheaton Media room. It has been decided that a Fabrication Lab will be placed in the Rockville Memorial Library. Montgomery College is interested in partnering with the Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center as place to offer new Workforce Development programs.

### IV. New Business

The LAC discussed a suggestion box for the new library.

### V. Adjournment at 8:31 PM.

### VI. The next meetings will be held on June 17, 7:30 PM at the Wheaton Interim Library. This will be the last meeting before the summer break.

