

Wheaton Branch Manager's Report/Minutes

October 21, 2024

Yesvy Gustasp, Chair, Grace Manubay – Board Liaison, Dianne Whitaker – ex-officio

Members Thelda McMillian, Eric Wallace, Anna Waller, Barbara Freidman, Diana Dubrawski, Carol Bender; Absent: Hoa Nyguen, Farah Nageer

Membership Update: Carol Bender and Thelda McMillian have submitted renewal applications, Carolyn Teich has resigned from the LAC.

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Facilities

The glass window in the front adult reading area broke on October 15, 2024. A work order has been placed for replacement.

Several doors have outstanding work orders including the glass folding doors in the children's program area.

Staffing

Wheaton has two current vacancies: one part-time Librarian I position and one part-time Library Aide position.

Programs

The following special children's programs are planned:

Stemtacular a celebration of the Maryland STEM Festival will be held Tuesday, October 29, 2024 and the film Halloween movie Monsters, Inc. will be held on October 26, 2024.

The following special or new Adult programs are planned:

C2C Employment workshop series beginning Monday, October 28, 2024

A Houseplants 101 workshop will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2024.

Big Read Writing Workshop in Collaboration with Sandy Spring Museum on Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 1:00 -4:00 pm.

In addition to the monthly TAB meeting, Wheaton will host a Teen Creative Writing workshop on Tuesday November 19, 2024.

The discussion focused on unused resources in the Wheaton Library and shared resources in the Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center. The ownership of the facility and park continues to be confusing to many in the community. More details at the end

Grace Manubay – Board Liaison’s Report –

See attached notes that Dianne presented at the Joint [Board/LAC/Friends meeting on Oct. 9

Here is the link to the press release for the new library director:

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=45966

The board will be following up with information from the joint meeting soon.

Here is the press release for dates of the remaining County Executive Community Conversations:

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=45743

Yesvy’s comments:

Yoga is in high demand. Patrons want to continue into next year

Computer user group – for Lib Public-use computers

Over flow of computer users to - Rec center computer room [30+ machines] is used for Gmail class [Scott]

Moveable Large TV screens

Some seniors complain - colder in the Lib, than outside in mid-Oct. Suggestion: to have turn off switch when needed - computers & other electrical equipment provide enough heat. This not true in November – Lib is rather warm