

LAC Minutes - (Wheaton/6/16-2025)

Attendees: Yesvy Gustasp, Chair; Dianne Whitaker, ex-officio; Members Ania Waller, Farah Nageer-Kanthor, Thelda McMillian, Megan O'Brien, Eric Wallace, Carol Bender, Diana Dubrawsky, Barbara

Absent: Grace Manubay, Andrew Rein

Opening Business: Yesvy called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm the May 2025 minutes were unanimously approved and seconded by Megan O'Brien.

Membership Update: No new members to report. Someone may be relieved from active membership.

Wheaton Library Managers Report to the LAC

Dianne shared the Agency Manager's Report for June 16, 2025.

Facilities:

- A fire and evacuation drill was held on Wednesday June 11, 2025. It was successful overall. However, a new electrician did not turn on the annunciator at the start of the drill.
- After two months with a stuck Maryland flag, the middle flag pole was repaired on June 13, 2025.
- The front Georgia avenue window broken by vandalism has been repaired.

Collections:

Displays-June adult displays at Wheaton are as follows:

- June is LGBTQ Pride Month - beside the Local Authors section
- June is Caribbean Heritage Month - the unit across from the end of Adult Bios (program on June 14)
- June 19th/Juneteenth - in the last compartment of this unit
- 50th Anniversary of 'Jaws'/ Sharks - in the unit beside 'Staff Picks'

Children's Displays for June include: National Oceans Month and Summer

- A visit from the Collection Management Team is scheduled. New Spanish language children's books

Program Highlights:

- Wheaton hosted the Trinidad and Tobago Baltimore Steel Orchestra on Saturday, June 14, 2025 in celebration of Caribbean Heritage Month.

Summer Reading Program for all age groups has begun. The theme for Summer 2025 is Color My World. Mike Rose, Magician will perform on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

Cartooning for tweens 10-15 will be held each day 10:20-noon, June 23-27, 2025.

A special author talk 'The Capital Centre - A Retrospective' will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 2 pm. There will be two additional art workshops in July. Eastern Folk Art for tweens and teens on July 21 and Energy Express: Powering a Colorful World for Elementary age children on July 22.

Services and Staffing:

One of Wheaton's Library Aide transferred to Olney on June 16, 2025. There is a staff person at another branch transferring into the Library Aide position on June 30, 2025. There is also a Library Assistant I part-time position that has become vacant due to a resignation.

Discussion

Yesvy attended the Caribbean Heritage Month steel pan event which featured a 90-year old steel pan artist.

Library Liaison Report

Grace Manubay was absent as she is on travel out of the country.

Discussion:

Yesvy shared the following bulleted notes from the Library Board meeting for June which he attended virtually

- 9 attending
- EV for book mobile
- Tim [Lighter's [Board Chair] term ends] - Grace Acting Chair
- thanks for all the cards sent
- BUDGET - everything very uncertain - Political atmosphere
- Steve Solomon - MCPL App phenomenal
- Long Branch - Kanopy state funding - MD Senator Smith attended
- LAC handbook - Board has approved - some minor corrections. Will send link, in separate email
- Meet with other LAC s -- 7 pm June 25
- contingency for Budget
- Steve Solomon - Twinbrook 3rd person applied for LAC - so now they can form one
- Dir invited to visit Connie Morella & Refresh questions
- 2026 budget "Personnel & Digital" up 3.x [COLA]; Operations slightly down
- \$127 K up for Hoopla - pay for use; Audio books different - than for TV shows
- Brig. Gen. ... LAC Chair Jennifer Diamond attended

Farah asked where we can find the LAC Membership Manual. Yesvy shared the [link](#).

Dianne shared that she recently found out that because the LACs are a sub-board of the Library Board and members will be required to take a county-led training. Topics include ethics, Roberts Rules of Order, and others and it is an online training. Dianne shared that her role has changed since she now manages 4 library branches and each of these branches have a functioning LAC. Wheaton and Olney function well and are both virtual-only LACs as does White Oak which is in person only and meets every to, and Marilyn Praisner is hybrid.

Each agenda has to follow a very specific order and has had a specific template for about 15 years. Dianne follows this with her Manager's Report. Old and new business and are areas in the agenda where there is more flexibility and opportunity to tailor for each LAC and LAC-led projects. It is required that there are at least 5 meetings each year.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Discussion:

It was agreed that the LAC will not meet in July or August. The first official meeting of FY26 will be in September.

Adjournment

Megan moved to adjourn at 7:38 pm and Ania seconded.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Wheaton LAC is on Monday, September 15th at 7 pm.