



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WHITE OAK BRANCH

January 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Paulette Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Muriel Hairston-Cooper, Ellen Melle, Randi Passamaneck, Cathy Stewart and Paulette Wright.

Other attendees: Jan Bloom, FOL-White Oak member, Kathie Meizner, White Oak Branch Manager, and Carrie Villar, White Oak MCPL Board Liaison.

The minutes from the Nov 6, 2018 meeting were approved.

MCPL Board Liaison Report

White Oak LAC members are encouraged to attend the Library Board/Friends of the Library/Library Advisory Committee Joint Meeting on Jan 9th. The discussion will focus on planned outreach and advocacy activities with the County Executive and County Council members.

The Board discussed options to streamline the LAC membership renewal process at the Dec 12th Board meeting. They also determined that individuals may hold concurrent memberships in Specialized LACs and a Community LAC.

Membership Report

Randi Passamaneck's membership renewal and Ellen Melle's initial membership application are pending approval from the Board. Carrie Villar suggested Paulette Wright follow-up with Regina Holyfield-Jewett in the MCPL Office of the Director, on these pending applications.

Branch Manager Report

General: There were 27,000 patron visits to the White Oak Branch in Dec 2018. The Marilyn Praisner Branch is scheduled to close for a refresh in FY19-20. This is expected to increase patron visits to White Oak.

Collections: Adult - Playaways are back! Playaways are a single audiobook packaged on a small MP3 digital player that is half the size of a deck of cards.

Collections: Childrens - Picture books with read-aloud audio have been added to the collection.

Collections: On-line (available 24x7) - Recent additions include Acorn TV and Creativebug.

- **Acorn TV** is a subscription streaming service from RBDigital offering television programming from the UK, Ireland, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.
- **Creativebug** offers more than 1,000 on-line art & craft video workshops and techniques to paint, knit, crochet, sew, screen print, and bake.
- Two other offerings were briefly discussed:
 - **The Great Courses Library Collection** of 3,500 video lectures from university professors worldwide.
 - **Gale Courses** are a wide range of six-week interactive, instructor-led on-line courses. New sessions begin every month.

Facility: A Post-Renovation Warranty Walk-Through will be conducted later this month to identify outstanding facility issues, including the ceiling leaks and damaged ceiling tiles in Meeting Room 2 on the lower level. The free coffee machine was removed; may be replaced with a pay coffee machine in the future.

Programs: *The Physics of Fast Cars* STEMSmart program held on Dec 8th was very well received by participating students. LAC member Muriel Hairston-Cooper and Kathie Meizner, White Oak Branch Manager were also at the event.

Services: The on-line printers and scanners, and some copying machines, were replaced this week as part of the new MCPL-wide print services contract.

Staffing: Some Marilyn Praisner staff will be temporarily reassigned to White Oak while the Praisner branch is closed for their refresh.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

The next White Oak LAC meeting is on Tues, March 5th, in Meeting Room 2 on the lower level of the library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Melle, Secretary