



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
WHITE OAK BRANCH

June 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

Members present: Lamar Bailey, Jan Bloom, Ellen Melle, Randi Passamaneck, Frances Schueler, Cathy Stewart, Paulette Wright.

Other attendees: Cristina Dal Molin, Kathie Meizner and Carrie Villar, White Oak MCPL Board Liaison.

The minutes from the Mar 5, 2019 meeting were approved.

**MCPL Board Liaison Report** from Carrie Villar

The MCPL Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to attend.

MCPL expanded on-demand streaming video services with the addition of *Pongalo NovelaClub* offering Spanish language telenovelas and movies.

Marilyn Praisner Branch building refresh began in mid-April and is expected to last 4-6 months.

MCPL announced extended summer evening hours from June 1st through Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> at five branches. The Connie Morella, Gaithersburg, Germantown, Rockville and Silver Spring branches will be open until 9:00 PM on Friday and Saturday evenings.

**Membership Report**

Four White Oak LAC new/renewal memberships were approved at the March MCPL Board meeting - Jan Bloom, Ellen Melle, Randi Passamaneck and Fran Schueler.

**Branch Manager Report** from Kathie Meizner

*March 2019 Post-Renovation Warranty Walk-Through:* A small number of items were identified for repair under the renovation warranty. Other repairs were determined to be pre-existing conditions outside the scope of the renovation warranty and need to be separately addressed.

*Computers:* The computer area will be reconfigured to increase patron privacy while using the computers. A smaller number of computers will be reserved for searching the MCPL catalog, increasing computer availability for general use. MCPL is removing the electronics' charging lockers and replacing them with a charging table to address a variety of user and security issues.

*Staff:* Carolyn Maddox, Head of Children's Services, retired after a 35-year librarian career. The MCPL Acting Director will select the new Head of Children's Services.

*Marilyn Praisner Refresh:* The White Oak door counts were up 15,000 in May due to the Praisner refresh and laptop and desktop computer stations have been 100% utilized since Praisner closed. Five Praisner library staff are temporarily assigned to White Oak during the refresh. The Praisner laptops-2-go (with wifi!) are also re-assigned to the White Oak Branch during the refresh. Patrons can check-out these laptops for two weeks.

*Summer Read & Learn Program: A Universe of Stories!* Summer Reading Program begins on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Program is organized into three groups:

- *Early Literacy* 0 - 5 years
- *Children* 6 - 12 years
- *Teens* 13 - 17 years

Last summer's highly successful teen volunteer program will run again this summer. The teen volunteers help kids and families sign-up for the Summer Read & Learn Program and provide general computer printing assistance.

**Unfinished Business - None**

**New Business**

*Elections:* Paulette Wright and Ellen Melle were re-elected Chairperson and Secretary respectively for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

*2019-2020 LAC Meeting Schedule:* The 2019-2020 LAC meetings will be held on Sept 10, 2019, Nov 5, 2019, Jan 7, 2020, March 3, 2020 and June 2, 2020.

The next White Oak LAC meeting is on Tues, Sept 10, 2019, in Meeting Room 2.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Melle, Secretary