



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WHITE OAK BRANCH

Sept 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

Members present: Jan Bloom, Ellen Melle, Randi Passamaneck, Frances Schueler, Paulette Wright

Other attendees: Cristina Dal Molin, Kathie Meizner, Jane Williams on behalf of Carrie Villar, White Oak MCPL Board Liaison.

The minutes from the June 4, 2019 meeting were approved.

MCPL Board Liaison Report from Jane Williams

The next MCPL Board meeting is tomorrow, Wednesday, Sept 11, 2019. The Board will welcome five new members at the meeting.

The Board will collect comments and suggested edits to the LAC Handbook through October. Marilyn Praisner Branch building refresh work is progressing. Progress on this refresh is of keen interest to the White Oak community given the very significant increase in White Oak door counts while Marilyn Praisner is closed. Jane Williams thanked the White Oak LAC for our comments and suggestions.

More than 4,000 people attended the Wheaton Library re-opening celebration on Sept 8th.

Membership Report

The White Oak LAC pending new membership is expected to be reviewed at the Board's Sept 11th meeting. The application was submitted in late July and the Board did not meet in August.

Branch Manager Report from Kathie Meizner

Computers: The computer area will *not* be reconfigured to increase patron privacy. The proposed changes were determined by the Office of the Director to be inconsistent with the completed refresh design. Demand for one-on-one computer user assistance and training continues to increase.

Staff: Eileen Fisher joined the White Oak staff this month as Librarian II leading Children's Services. Alan Hecht joined the White Oak staff this month as a part-time Librarian I for Adult/Teen/General Services.

Marilyn Praisner Refresh: The White Oak door counts nearly doubled this summer to set new records for patron visits. This is largely due to Marilyn Praisner closing and, to a lesser extent, Wheaton closing and from the White Oak community itself. Laptop and desktop computer stations are often 100% utilized with waiting lines several hours each day. Library staff barely had time to catch their breath the past three months!

Summer Read & Learn Program: A Universe of Stories! The Summer Reading Program was very successful with a year-over-year increase in the number of participants. The teen volunteer program filled their 22 slots by April and had another very successful summer.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Jan Bloom was named Co-Chair of the White Oak LAC. The Co-Chair duty is to run the LAC meeting in the absence of the Chairperson.

The next White Oak LAC meeting is on Tues, Nov 5, 2019, in Meeting Room 2.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Melle, Secretary
White Oak LAC