



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WHITE OAK BRANCH

January 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Jan Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held virtually on MCPL's Zoom platform.

Members present: Jan Bloom, Muriel Hairston-Cooper, Ellen Melle, Randi Passamaneck, Fran Schueler, Cathy Stewart, Paulette Wright

Other attendees: Carrie Villar, White Oak MCPL Board Liaison; Kathie Meizner, White Oak Branch Manager; Tina Deifallah, Marilyn Praisner Branch Manager; Connie Oprisch, White Oak FOL Member

The minutes from the November 10, 2021 meeting were approved.

Montgomery County Library Board Liaison Report

Carrie Villar reported on the December 9, 2020 MCPL Library Board meeting.

The next Library Board Joint Meeting w/LAC and FOL Chapters will be held virtually on Wed, January 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The access link will be added to the meeting notice on the Library Board calendar at <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/board/index.html>

Membership Report

Four White Oak LAC members' terms are Feb 2020 - Feb 2023:

- Muriel Hairston-Cooper
- Natasha Isler
- Cathy Stewart
- Paulette Wright

Four White Oak LAC members' terms are March 2019 - March 2022:

- Jan Bloom
- Ellen Melle
- Randi Passamaneck
- Frances Schueler

To apply for a new, or renewal, membership on the White Oak LAC print and complete the form posted at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Library/resources/files/board/lac-application.pdf> . Submit the completed form to the White Oak Branch Manager. There is no cost associated with LAC membership.

Branch Manager Report from Kathie Meizner

Collection:

Community demand for digital resources across all collections continues to grow across the system. The quarantine period for returned materials in the physical collection is now 48 hours in accordance with CDC guideline.

Library Staff continue the library-wide inventory of the entire MCPL Collection. The Adult and General Collections inventory work is complete. Every item in every Branch is being scanned in preparation for future migration to a new circulation system.

Staff:

No staff changes since the November 2020 LAC meeting. The two open White Oak positions will not be filled during the current budget situation.

Kathleen Uy, White Oak Adult & Teen librarian, is one of five librarians nationwide quoted in the cover story of the November/December 2020 issue of *American Libraries*, the magazine of the American Library Association. The story discusses library-hosted virtual *Dungeons & Dragons* programs. The November/December issue is available on-line at

<https://digital.americanlibrariesmagazine.org/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=7d5c1c5a-b3e5-4e47-92be-7f9f39d5e9de>

Services:



Internet to Go is MCPL's mobile hotspot lending program for the public. Library patrons may place a hold on one of the 250 Verizon MiFi Mobile hotspots via MCPL's catalog or by calling Ask A Librarian and scheduling a pickup at their library of choice. Hotspots are lent for 2 weeks with no renewals. Additional information is at <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/services/internet-to-go.html>



Holds to Go! processes 200-300 items per day from the White Oak Children's collection and 100-200 items per day from the White Oak Adult and General collections. Approximately 2/3rds of these items fill requests from White Oak Branch patrons. The remaining 1/3 fill requests from other Branches.

Virtual Programs:

The December Community Sing-Along event was a great success; working to repeat the event in the coming months. On-going virtual programming by Branch staff between March 1st and December 31st included 200 events with more than 8,000 total attendees.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Mark Your Calendar: The next LAC meeting is at 7:00 P.M. on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021**. This will be a Virtual meeting on the MCPL Zoom platform. The final meeting for the current fiscal year will be on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021**.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Melle, Secretary
White Oak LAC