



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WHITE OAK BRANCH

March 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Jan Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. The meeting was held virtually on MCPL's Zoom platform.

Members present: Jan Bloom, Muriel Hairston-Cooper, Natasha Isler, Fran Schueler, Cathy Stewart, Paulette Wright

Other attendees: Carrie Villar, White Oak MCPL Board Liaison; Kathie Meizner, White Oak Branch Manager; Mark Wills, Community Member

The minutes from the January 5, 2021 meeting were approved.

Montgomery County Library Board Liaison Report

Carrie Villar reported the Joint Meeting II of the MCPL Library Board and FOLMC was held virtually on February 10, 2021. Multiple members of the White Oak LAC and FOL attended the Joint Meeting along with Carrie.

The FY22 Advocacy Tool Kit, jointly prepared by Montgomery County Library Board and FOLMC is available at [FOLMC.org/support/advocacy-toolkit](https://folmc.org/support/advocacy-toolkit)

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

Mark Wills attended tonight's meeting and will submit an application to Kathie Meizner to forward to the MCPL Library Board.

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

Collection: Pandemic health requirements to hold items for 48 hours creates significant challenges to store, sort and reshelve items. Libraries now store many more books than during pre-pandemic operations.

Staff:

No staff changes in the last four months. The two open White Oak positions will not be filled during the current budget situation.

Services:

Library staff continues to prepare book bundles tailored to individual patron's requests and reading interests.



Holds to Go! offers four appointments per hour for patrons to pick-up books. Patrons select a specific date and time when scheduling their pick-up appointment, in advance, on the *Holds to Go!* website.

Virtual Programs:

Two programs with local authors are scheduled for March 8th and March 22nd:

March 8: Terry Jennings, author of a brand-new series of books for kids aged 6-9 years called *Definitely Dominguita*

March 22nd: Author Ann McCallum discusses her new book, *Thrill Seekers: 15 Remarkable Women in Extreme Sports* and what it takes to be an extreme athlete.

Other virtual programs offerings include a monthly session for job hunters. More than a dozen programs celebrating Black History Month were held in February.

Facility:

The Facility is holding up well. The dumpster in the rear of the parking lot is being used as a receptacle to dispose of household items. This is a recurring problem for multiple library branches.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

FOLMC is hosting a book donation drop-off at the White Oak Library on Friday, March 12 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Donations should be put in boxes. Details on what can be donated are available on-line at www.folmc.org/books/ores/items-we-accept .

Mark Your Calendar: The next LAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM**. This will be the final meeting of the FY21 fiscal year. The first two FY22 meetings will be held on Sept 7, 2021 and November 2, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Schueler on behalf of Ellen Melle, Secretary, White Oak LAC