



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHITE OAK BRANCH

**Minutes of September 3, 2024, Meeting**

Chair Paulette Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the White Oak Library.

Members present: Jan Bloom, Ellen Melle and Paulette Wright. Kathie Meizner, Branch Supervisor was also in attendance

Minutes from the May 7, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Membership Report**

The White Oak LAC has six members. The Library Board approved Connie Oprisch's renewal application for another 3-year term at their July meeting. Connie's new term is July 2024 to July 2027.

Jan Bloom's and Ellen Melle's terms expire in February 2025.

New applications from the community are welcome! The application for the fully on-line LAC Application form is available at <https://mcgmd.wufoo.com/forms/q1hx790p0xihc8w/>.

**Regional Manager's Report**

Kathie Meizner presented the Regional Manager's Report on behalf of Dianne Whitaker.

The MCPL Mobile Van has arrived! Details on the Mobile Van's schedule of events and outreach activities is forthcoming. The Mobile Van will operate throughout the County.

The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held on May 28, 2024 at the branch was well-attended.....and delicious!

**Collections:**

The Adult non-fiction collection continues to be heavily weeded at the direction of MCPL Collection Management based on use data.

**Facility:**

The windows are sparkling after being cleaned for the first time in several years!

**Programs:**

**Children**

- 2024 Summer Reading Challenge Kick-Off at White Oak June 15th. Special shout-out to Eileen Fisher for coordinating this all-day event!
- Popular Summer programs included Crafternoon staffed with eight teen volunteers, intergenerational reading, and three Family Fun Nights.
- New programs include My First Book Club for K-Grade 2 and Tween Time for 10-13 year olds.
- Upcoming Family programs include Eco Adventure (Sept 7), Rhythmaya (Oct 26), and a Maryland STEM festival program with College Park Aviation Museum in November.

## Teens

- The Teen Advisory Board continues to draw about seven teens each month.
- Lulu Delacre will discuss her memoir, *Alicia Afterimage* on Oct 2 as part of Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Financial Literacy for Teens through Spark Academy will hold four virtual sessions.
- Blender 3D Modeling & Animation will be in-person on Nov 6 and 13 (MD STEM Festival).
- Funds have been requested from FOL for a sturdy button maker for teen and family programs.

## Adults

- A flamenco guitarist, Gladius, will perform on Friday afternoon, Sept 27.
- The African American Book Club will resume in-person meetings in January 2025. The Mystery Book Club and the Evening Book Club resumed in-person meetings last year.
- There is an pressing need for a few adult volunteers to assist customers on a recurring basis with computing/printing/copying. Customers frequently request this assistance when completing on-line job applications.

## Staffing

White Oak continues to be fully staffed.

## Other

Chess boards & playing pieces, and jigsaw puzzles, are now available for use at the library, in addition to the toys that will continue to be loaned from the Front Desk.

There is a substantial increase in the number of adults in care, usually in groups, visiting the library two or three times a week.

FOL funding requests are now automated and e-signatures are included in the workflow.

## Montgomery County Board Liaison's Report

The Library Board Liaison did not attend tonight's meeting.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recruiting new LAC Members is an on-going challenge. A short discussion on holding LAC meetings during the day, e.g. Sunday afternoons, to encourage new members did not result in any conclusions or decisions.

## NEW BUSINESS

FY2025 White Oak LAC remaining meeting dates are listed below. Meetings are in-person at 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Melle, Secretary