



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Springfield City Library Board of Commissioners**

**Place:** Central Library Community Room

**Date:** June 6, 2018

**Attending:** Commissioners Matthew Reilly, Krysta Fyntrilakis, Timothy Moriarty, David Maynard, Megan Lunghi

**Absent:** Stephen Cary

**Staff:** Molly Fogarty, Library Director  
Jean Canosa Albano, Assistant Director for Public Services  
Carol Leaders, Business Manager (minute taker)  
Jennifer Johnston, Adult & Youth Information Services Manager

**Call to order:** Ms. Fyntrilakis called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action Items
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<b>1. Approval of Minutes from the May 2 , 2018 Library Commission Meetings</b>	Commissioner Moriarty commented that the May 2, 2018 minutes should have included additional language about the Library investigating ways to bring more volunteers on board and expand the Library in Your Mailbox program. Commissioner Reilly moved to approve the May 2, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Moriarty seconded the motion.	
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The motion passed.

<b>2. Jennifer Johnston, Summer Reading Program</b>	Ms. Johnston reviewed the new Summer Reading Program, which was rebranded, with the help of TSM, as “Your Story, Your Library: Discover Your Summer”. The new program is toned down and simplified, with a universal reading log that works for all ages (instead of the 10+ different documents needed last summer, for example). Ms. Johnston stated that the Discover Your Summer branding could be used repeatedly for the next few years. One of the goals for the revamped program was that it be more fun for staff, and each branch is participating in contest to decorate their branches for the summer.  Ms. Johnston gave an update on the LENA program that she leads for the library, which involves cohorts of parents who	
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have their young child wear a “talk pedometer” vest that measures the number of words a child hears at home. The program is beginning its 2nd year; there is an upcoming session in July. Ms. Johnston noted that the program is available in a variety of different languages.

Ms. Johnston gave an update on the EXCITE program, which is an IMLS grant opportunity. A team consisting of Ms. Johnston and staff members Ellen Sulzycki, Marisa Reichert, and Shadd Jamison proposed a teen program series called “United: Do, Make, Be You” and received \$3000 to make it a reality. The program will provide teens with opportunities to spend time with teens outside of school, and connect with the community.

**3. Commission  
Committee Reports**

Commissioner Fyntrilakis praised the teens at the Sixteen Acres branch for planning and performing a puppet show for children on May 29, as well as Emma Peterson’s work with the teens and the teen-created mural. Commissioner Fyntrilakis noted that she attended an Outer Belt Civic Association meeting on June 5, and that a member donated to the Friends of the Springfield Library. Commissioner Moriarty praised the May 23 Sixteen Acres branch program, a one-woman play entitled “Adventures in Liking My Looks”. Commissioner Reilly shared that he finds the library website difficult to use; Ms. Canosa Albano replied that Kim Sheridan, the Digital Services Librarian, is in the process of revamping the site. Commissioner Reilly praised the renovation work being done at the Central Library; Ms. Fogarty shared that the work is expected to be finished by August 2018. She also noted that once the rear entrance ramp is complete, the State Street entrances will have to temporarily close in order to repair the main staircase into the building.

**4. Chairman’s Report**

N/A

**5. Director’s Report**

Ms. Fogarty reported:

- The Library Foundation is hosting an “Imagine Your New Library” event with assistance from TSM design and the East Forest Park Civic Association. The event will be help on Saturday, June 9 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.



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- The Capital Campaign is expecting a \$150,000 corporate donation, to be announced soon. The Campaign is at the \$850,000 mark, close to the initial goal of \$1 million by July 1st, 2018.
- Construction documents for the new East Forest Park branch will be made available for bidders on June 13. The estimated project start date is August 2018, and the estimated end date is October 2019.
- Ms. Fogarty recently applied for a Community Preservation Grant, asking for \$200,000 to fund the Reading Garden and Story Garden at the new East Forest Park branch. A decision will be made in September 2018.
- Senator Lesser earmarked \$75,000 in the state budget for technology for the new East Forest Park branch; it is currently awaiting approval.
- The Friends of the Springfield Library are conducting a penny drive fundraiser with East Forest Park elementary schools starting in September 2018, in partnership with People’s Bank.
- Each library branch is hosting their own summer reading kickoff event this June; Forest Park is hosting an especially big event entitled “Camp Forest Park” on June 14 from 4-6 p.m. Their event is a block party, and will be hosted with the support of the Forest Park C3 police unit.
- On June 14 Charlie Ryan will receive a social Justice award from the National Committee for Social Justice.
- The Read/Write/Now program has been funded by a DESI grant since the 1980s, but the most recent grant was not awarded. Ms. Fogarty, Ms. Canosa Albano, and Janet Kelley are applying for a \$120,000 transitional grant and will be submitting an appeal to have the grant application reconsidered.
- The bathroom is now complete at the East Springfield branch; the location will receive new carpeting on June 11 and 12.

**6. Other Business**            N/A

**7. Executive Session**        Not necessary.

**8. Adjournment:**            Commissioner Fyntrilakis adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



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