



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

Place: Central Library Community Room

Date: April 6, 2016

Attending: Commissioners Krysta Fyntrilakis, Meghan Lunghi, David Maynard, Timothy Moriarty, Matthew Reilly, Lorna Simmons

Absent: Chairman Stephen Cary

Staff: Molly Fogarty, Library Director
Jean Canosa Albano, Assistant Director for Public Services
Carol Leaders, Library Business Manager
Janet Stupak, Community Relations (minute taker)

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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1. Approval of Minutes from the March 2, 2016 Library Commission Meeting	Commissioner Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2016 meeting of the Springfield Library Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Lunghi seconded the motion. The motion passed.	
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2. Staff Presentation: Anna Mickelsen	Anna Mickelsen, Reference Librarian and resident expert on “weeding” at the Central Library spoke about Collection Maintenance as well as Collection Development. She explained the importance of removing books, or weeding, that have been updated or are no longer relevant or in poor condition, saying “Springfield City Library removes conscientiously, and is very fortunate to have closed stacks with space for many books.” With new books arriving monthly here and at the branches, it is imperative to keep up with the collections. Anna herself oversees over 50,000 items!	
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**3. Commission
Committee Reports**

None.

4. Chairman's Report

Ms. Fyntrilakis reported that she had visited the Library Express at Pine Point and the Sixteen Acres Branch, noting that they look excellent and continue to be busy. She especially enjoyed seeing so many children at the Library Express LEGO Club and adults at line dancing at Sixteen Acres.

5. Director's Report

Ms. Fogarty reported

- She attended the Capital Campaign Committee meeting recently, stating, "The Library system has about \$20 million in needs, but on the whole the branches are well maintained and in good condition." The East Springfield Branch is not accessible, the only branch not ADA compliant.
- She attended the West Springfield Legislative Breakfast on March 4, as did Ms. Canosa Albano and Ms. Stupak.
- The recent Mass Cultural Council tour of the Springfield Central Cultural District began in the Central Library Rotunda, with Senator Eric Lesser and Anita Walker of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, among others.
- Library Legislative Day at the State House was successful, with the displays by Layla Johnston, Workforce Development, and Corey Ferguson, ECRC, well received.
- The East Forest Park Branch Plan/Design Group is working on the final design and reviewing LEED Certification.



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- She attended the recent City Budget hearing, with a level service-funding budget.
 - The \$3.8 for safety and accessibility repairs to the Central Library should be approved soon.
 - Rebranding continues, with new signs at some branches to be installed in a few weeks. The half-day all staff retreat will take place on June 10 at the Mason Square Branch. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.
 - Highlighting some upcoming programs: for the Teen Reading Challenge at the Indian Orchard Branch librarian Meg Aust-Anastasi will dye her hair a crazy color; the Mason Square Branch Seed Library is now open and they'll also lend garden tools; Springfield Speaks/Springfield Writes, a program about growing up in Springfield will take place at the Mason Square Branch in April and May; the Forest Park Branch is currently hosting an Art Show of work by Forest Park Middle School students.

Ms. Canosa Albano reported on

- Summer Reading Club plans, including the planned Kick-Off Event, from 12-3 p.m. on Saturday, June 18 behind the Central Library in the Quad. The August 13 Finale will also take place on the Quad.
- There will be afternoon Open Houses on Wednesday, April 13 at all branches celebrating National Library Week. MassLive is allowing us to take over their Instagram account, and we'll set up our own too.
- There have been and will be some staff changes at the Library.



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Congratulations to Layla Johnston, recently named Manager of Information Services and the Mason Square Branch.

6. Other Business None.

7. Executive Session Not necessary.

Adjournment: Ms. Fytrilakis adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Lorna Simmons, *Secretary*