



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

**Place:** Central Library Community Room

**Date:** June 1, 2016

**Attending:** Chairman Stephen Cary, Commissioners Meghan Lunghi, David Maynard, Timothy Moriarty and Lorna Simmons

**Absent:** Krysta Fyntrilakis, Matthew Reilly

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

**Call to order:** Mr. Cary called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion &amp; Decisions</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
<p><b>1. Approval of Minutes from the May 4, 2016 Library Commission Meeting</b></p>	<p>Commissioner Moriarty made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting of the Springfield Library Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. <b>The motion passed.</b></p>	
<p><b>2. Staff Presentation: Layla Johnston, Manager Adult &amp; Youth Information Services; Reginald Wilson, Manager East Springfield/Sixteen Acres Branches; IT Manager, Mary Frederick</b></p>	<p>Ms. Johnston spoke briefly about the Workforce Development Team Programs that she spearheads with assistance from Mr. Wilson and Ms. Frederick. Seasonal Job Fairs have been held at the Central Library and the Sixteen Acres Branch for Library Patrons and potential employers. Presentations include: Dress for Success, Suit Up Springfield, Hi Tech Computer Classes, Resume and Job Application Assistance, just to name a few. These programs have been well attended and well received.</p>	



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**3. Commission Committee Reports** None.

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**4. Chairman's Report** Mr. Cary mentioned that plans are moving along with the East Forest Park Branch Library. He also had a conversation with Kay Simpson, Director of the Springfield Museums, regarding ways to partner on different programs.

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**5. Director's Report** Ms. Fogarty reported

- The Library Department City Council Budget hearing was held on May 11, 2016.
- A newly designed Annual Report was distributed by Ms. Fogarty to the City Council at the Budget Hearing. Staff at TSM Design assisted with this handout.
- Final Budget Hearing is scheduled for June 6, 2016 where the Mayor will present the City Budget to the City Council.
- TSM Design received an award for the new Springfield City Library Logo.
- Press Conference was held on May 24, 2016 to announce the partnership between the Springfield City Library and WGBY to share their DVD Collection with all libraries and patrons in Massachusetts.
- Summer Reading Club Kick-Off celebration party will be held on the Quadrangle on Saturday, June 18 from 12-3 p.m.
- Annual Staff Retreat will be held at the Mason Square Branch on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:45am to



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Noon. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

- Springfield City Directories have been sent to Boston to become digitalized so that they will be made available to all.
- Haydee Hodis, Supervisor of the Brightwood Branch Library will be recognized as one of the Commonwealth's Unsung Heroines of 2016 on Wednesday, June 22 at the Massachusetts State House.
- Jean Canosa Albano, Assistant Director for Public Services, graduated from The Leadership Institute of Political and Public Impact's Class of 2016.
- Alison Messier, Reference Librarian, recently graduated from the Pioneer Valley Leadership Program.
- East Forest Park Project continues to move along. Will apply to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for a construction grant. Grant is due January, 2017.
- The Massachusetts Cultural Council awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Springfield City Library to be used toward repairs at the Central Library.
- Ms. Canosa-Albano represented the Library at the Annual Pancake Breakfast along with fellow staff members. More than 40 people signed up for Library Cards.
- The Library also received a \$1,000 grant from the Rotary Club to be used toward 'Science on the Go' kits.



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**6. Other Business**

Commissioner Moriarty attended the Bird Photography Exhibit program at the Brightwood Branch Library.

Director Fogarty announced the opening of 'Art Central' in Wellman Hall at the Central Library. The space will be used to feature local artists and exhibit art projects.

The Commission will not meet in July and August and will reconvene on September 7, 2016.

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**7. Executive Session**

Not necessary.

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**Adjournment:** Mr. Cary adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

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Lorna Simmons, *Secretary*