



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

**Place:** Community Learning Center at Pine Point, 204 Boston Road

**Date:** May 4, 2016

**Attending:** Chairman Stephen Cary, Commissioners David Maynard, Timothy Moriarty, Matthew Reilly, and Lorna Simmons

**Absent:** Carol Leaders, Library Business Manager

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

**Call to order:** Ms. Simmons called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion &amp; Decisions</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
<b>1. Approval of Minutes from the April 6, 2016 Library Commission Meeting</b>	Commissioner Moriarty made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting of the Springfield Library Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Reilly seconded the motion. <b>The motion passed.</b>	
<b>2. Staff Presentation: Janet Kelly, Manager Read/Write/Now Adult Learning Center</b>	Tonight's meeting is being held at the newly renovated Community Learning Center at Pine Point, of which the Library's Read/Write/Now program is one of three programs onsite. Ms. Kelly spoke about the establishment (1987), changes and development of the Read/Write/Now Adult Literacy program, having been involved since its inception. There are currently 150 adults on the waiting list.	
<b>3. Commission Committee Reports</b>	None.	



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**4. Chairman's Report**

Mr. Cary mentioned that Noelle Owens gave a visual presentation on the plan for the new East Forest Park Branch Library.

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**5. Director's Report**

Ms. Fogarty reported

- The library's part of the City's total budget shows an 8% increase, and that translates to level service funding. The HHS budget hearing will take place on May 11, 2016; May 24, 2016 will be the final full City Council vote.
- We would like additional open hours for Fridays at the Central Library, as well as more open hours for the Library Express at Pine Point.
- There is a strong commitment to build a new East Forest park Branch, a roughly \$8 million project.
- The Library is still waiting for an answer from the Mass Cultural Council on our grant proposal.
- Saturday is the Pancake Breakfast in downtown Springfield- the Library will have a table to take library card signups and provide information.
- This year for our Summer Reading Club there will be a Kick-Off celebration party on the Quadrangle on Saturday, June 18 from 12-3 p.m. Many fun events are planned.

**6. Other Business**

The Friends of the Library raised over \$3,000 during the recent Valley Gives Day.

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**7. Executive Session**            Not necessary.

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**Adjournment:** Mr. Cary adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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Lorna Simmons, *Secretary*