



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

Place: Central Library Community Room

Date: November 2, 2016

Attending: Commissioners Matthew Reilly, Krysta Fyntrilakis, Timothy Moriarty, and Meghan Lunghi

Absent: Stephen Cary, Lorna Simmons, and David Maynard

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

Call to order: Ms. Fyntrilakis called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action Items
<p>1. Approval of Minutes from the October 5, 2016 Library Commission Meeting</p>	<p>Ms. Fyntrilakis signed the September 2016 minutes in the absence of Commissioner Simmons. Commissioner Moriarty made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting of the Springfield Library Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Reilly seconded the motion.</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">The motion passed.</p>	
<p>2. Staff Presentation: Martha Coons, Young Adult Services Librarian</p>	<p>Ms. Coons reviewed the work of the Library's After School team, which plans programs and activities for teens ages 12-18. Ms. Coons stated that YA Librarians still recommend books, encourage reading/literacy, and run the teen Summer Reading Club every year, but there is now an added focus on quality programming for teens. Programs include comic drawing, science experiments, MakerLab, Minecraft, Tasty Tuesday, Wii videogaming, karaoke, this weekend's ChibiConn anime festival, and many more.</p> <p>YA librarians try to build in at least one useful skill for teens to learn at each program, even if the topic doesn't seem educational.</p> <p>Some teen programs provide leadership opportunities, notably the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) programs, in which teens are invited to suggest improvements to teen library services and</p>	



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help plan and even run teen activities. The TAB at the Brightwood Branch came up with the Table Tennis program and the upcoming partnership with the Chestnut Middle School to have a band concert at the library. Teens also run some of the Minecraft groups at the branches.

Ms. Coons pointed out that our libraries are a safe space for teens where they can be themselves. Libraries also provide safe spaces for LGBTQ teens, as well as teens who are bullied, abused, or otherwise witnessing violence or drug use in their lives.

The YA librarians recently attended a Dating Violence workshop led by the YMCA so as to be able to refer teens to the correct resources in the event that there are signs of dating violence.

Ms. Coons highlighted the enthusiasm and promise of two new YA librarians, Becca Bastron at Forest Park and Lizzie Meier at East Forest Park

Commissioner Moriarty asked whether staff has had training in suicide prevention and suggested additional resources for LGBTQ support organizations.

Commissioner Lunghi commented that teen leadership programs can help build teens' "soft skills" which employers look for when hiring.

3. Commission Committee Reports

Internet Use Policy – Vote Needed

Ms. Canosa Albano reviewed the updated Internet Use Policy. Changes include: removing outdated technology terms and jargon, making the tone friendlier, adding the new Mission Statement, and simplifying the policy where needed.

Commissioner Moriarty asked if the policy should include 3D printing. Ms. Canosa Albano recommended against it since it is not a public printing service provided by the library.

Commissioner Lunghi asked whether the public can download programs onto public computers and if so, whether or not it causes problems. Ms. Canosa Albano replied that the public can download things, but that the computer completely resets and deletes any downloaded items when the patron logs off.

Commissioner Lunghi recommended specifically stating the Library's wireless network name in the policy. Ms. Canosa



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Albano agreed and added the language to the policy.

Commissioner Fyntrilakis moved to approve the updated policy. Commissioner Lunghi seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

4. Chairman's Report

Ms. Fyntrilakis reported:

- She was impressed with how many people attended East Springfield's Fall Festival.
 - She voted at Library Express at Pine Point and the line was out the door. Similarly, the Sixteen Acres Branch hit 1000 voters on Tuesday and more ballots had to be retrieved after running out.
 - The Eleanor Roosevelt program at the Sixteen Acres Branch was wonderful.
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5. Director's Report

Ms. Fogarty reported

- New bookmarks have just arrived. They were designed by TSM, the same company that helped re-brand the library earlier in the year.
- Regarding the New East Forest Park branch: Ms. Fogarty attended the construction workshop on October 19th. The Library still needs the official land transfer from the School Committee in order to proceed. They are working on the contract. Springfield City Council will vote to approve the branch grant and design; the library will need a majority vote. The date of the vote is TBD.
- The East Forest Park Civic Association is meeting at 6:30 PM on November 9th at Nathan Bill's Pub, and the Library is on the agenda to talk about the new East Forest Park branch. Stewart Roberts will present, and Lauren Sterna from MBLC will be there to answer questions. Commissioner Reilly will attend as well.
- Ms. Canosa Albano reported on the 2016 Summer Reading Club (SRC). The library had 300 more overall participants than in 2015. The total number of participants was 1, 422. The Central Library worked with summer camps and other groups to reach more children this year. Approximately 100 people attended the SRC Kickoff event in June, and approximately 120 people attended the End of Summer Celebration event in August.



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6. Other Business Ms. Fyntrilakis attended a meeting which highlighted benefits available to seniors, such as tax breaks and reduced utility costs. Ms. Fogarty agreed to see if flyers summarizing the benefits could be made available at all library branches.

7. Executive Session Not necessary.

Adjournment: Ms. Fyntrilakis adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Lorna Simmons, *Secretary*