



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

Place: Central Library Community Room

Date: October 2, 2013

Attending: Chairman Stephen Cary and Commissioners Krysta Fyntrilakis, Meghan Lunghi, Timothy Moriarty, Lorna Simmons and Vera O'Connor.

Absent: Matthew Reilly

Staff: Molly Fogarty, Library Director
John Ramsay, Assistant Library Director
Carol Leaders, Business Manager
Janet Stupak, Community Relations Coordinator (*minute taker*)

Call to order: Mr. Cary called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action Items
		(follow up)
1. Approval of Minutes from the September 4, 2013 Library Commission Meeting	Commissioner Fyntrilakis made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 4, 2013 meeting of the Springfield Library Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Moriarty seconded the motion. <u>The motion passed.</u>	
2. Commission Committee Reports:	Commissioner O'Connor said how much she had enjoyed attending the recent Uhora Awards at the Springfield Museums honoring library volunteers Katie and Bob Glasgow.	
3. Chairman's Report:	Mr. Cary said that he is considering writing a letter to library employees, on behalf of the Library Commission, thanking them for their hard work. A suggestion was made to add library card registration information to the "Welcome packet" sent to new homeowners in Springfield. Springfield's public access TV channel will soon include a quarterly magazine show about the City.	



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- 4. Director's Report:** Ms. Fogarty explained that
- The Pine Point Branch Library will close on November 15 for renovations and expansion of the Read/Write/Now Adult Literacy Program. The library's collection of books and materials at that location will be reduced and an Express Library, open 13 hours per week, is expected to open in January 2014. The Pine Point location will be collaboration between the City, the School Department, and the Library.
 - New hours for all branch libraries will take effect on November 18. Library staff is coming onboard in stages, with necessary training being scheduled. Staff supervisors and managers have done a great deal of interviewing.
 - Library teams are planning and executing a number of big programs, including a series focusing on financial literacy, Teen Read week, series pertaining to imagining a "Peaceful City," and Puppet Fiesta, highlighted by live professional puppet performances at each branch.
 - There have been some complaints about the closing of the Liberty Branch to make way for the Senior Center there.
- 5. Election of Officers:** Mr. Cary and Ms. O'Connor spoke recently and it was decided to wait until next year to hold the election. The plan is to "start clean in February and keep on track."
- 6. Other Business:** Ms. O'Connor asked about trash barrels left by the curb at the Sixteen Acres Branch, as well as often seeing a man sleeping outside of that building.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Vera O'Connor, *Secretary*



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