



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

Place: Central Library Community Room

Date: December 3, 2014

Attending: Chairman Vera O'Connor, and Commissioners Stephen Cary, Krysta Fyntrilakis, Meghan Lunghi, Timothy Moriarty and Matthew Reilly

Absent: Lorna Simmons

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

Call to order: Ms. O'Connor called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. She asked for a moment of silence for the young girl who passed away today as a result of Monday's car accident that happened in front of the Central Library.

Agenda Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action Items
1. Approval of Minutes from the November 5, 2014 Library Commission Meeting	Commissioner Cary made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting of the Springfield Library Board of Commissioners with one addition: adding specific warning language "to access or share sexually explicit materials" to the Library Computer Use Policy. Commissioner Moriarty seconded the motion. <u>The motion passed.</u>	<i>(Follow up)</i>
2. Library E-Books Demo- Overdrive Introduction with Layla Johnston	Library Manager Layla Johnston demonstrated the use of various handheld devices (tablets, android, iPad) and how to download eBooks from Overdrive, the Library's digital content distributor. Mr. Moriarty suggested posting signs at our branches to publicize Overdrive. He also volunteered to provide a Spanish interpreter for Overdrive training at our Brightwood Branch.	
3. Commission Committee Reports:	Commissioner Fyntrilakis reported that she had attended the library's recent Job Fair at the Concepcion/Greenleaf Community Center next to the Sixteen Acres Branch Library. She said that there were lots of tables and vendors, including the City of Springfield. Ms. Fyntrilakis reported that she had attended the meeting of the Friends of the Springfield Library the night before, and that the Friends are getting ready for Valley Gives Day on Wednesday, December 10. They are planning a "Wine and Cheese" party	



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in the Rotunda of the Central Library on Friday, April 17, which falls during National Library Week. And they are planning a celebration/ribbon cutting in June for the Forest Park Reading Garden. Ms. Fytrilakis will be meeting with Jean Canosa Albano, Library Public Services Manager in January to discuss holding a 2015 Summer Reading Club event at the Forest Park Zoo.

Mr. Cary reported on his visit to LLB Architects in Pawtucket, RI with Ms. Fogarty and Mr. Ramsay for a Library Journal Design Institute event in connection with the proposed new East Forest Park Branch Library. They took part in a “visualization exercise” focusing on the design and architectural style of the new branch and what it might look like.

4. Chairman’s Report:

Ms. O’Connor stated that she would like to see a new East Forest Park Branch Library built on Surrey Road. Ms. O’Connor shared information on Friday’s funeral for Ruth Loving.

5. Director’s Report:

Library Director Fogarty reported:

- The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners approved the East Forest Park Branch Library Building Program.
- The Library received its State Aid award/funds.
- November’s Central Cultural District’s event here in our Rotunda was very successful. This building has potential as a fundraising venue for parties or weddings.
- In January 2015 the Library will kickoff a Children’s Winter Reading Club at all branches, as well as a Teen Winter Reading Club at the Forest Park and East Forest Park Branches.
- Chris Cignoli, Director of Springfield’s Department of Public Works will attend the January 7, 2015 Library Commission meeting to discuss the crosswalk issue in front of the Central Library on State Street.

6. Other Business:

Mr. Moriarty voiced concern about the streetlight in front of the Central Library being burned out for some time, and that Carol Leaders, Library Business Manager, had called about it a few



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weeks ago and followed up again just recently.
Mr. Moriarty asked about the 9C State budget cuts
to the State Aid to Libraries Accounts and Ms.
Fogarty felt that hopefully the cut, 1.5% of award
amounts, would have little impact this year.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Meghan Lunghi, *Secretary*