

Winnipeg Public Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

MS Teams Meeting

Minutes

	<u>Present</u> <u>Regret</u> <u>Absent</u>				<u>Present</u> <u>Regret</u> <u>Absent</u>		
Jaideep Johar (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trevor Surgenor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Kennedy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diane Papst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Scaletta	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emmanuel Oluwadare	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judith Littleford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ian Keenan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nikica Subek Simon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karon Chester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karin Borland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kim Coss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Rollins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kristen Hardy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Schreyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laila Yesmin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guests: Donna Kormilo, David Chadwick

1. Call to order, welcome, housekeeping

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory and Homeland – Diane Papst

We acknowledge that we are in Treaty One Territory, the home and traditional lands of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe), Ininew (Cree), and Dakota peoples, and in the National Homeland of the Red River Métis.

Our drinking water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, in Treaty Three Territory.

3. Welcome Guests and Roundtable Introductions

4. Presentation: Anna Leventhal, Writer-in-Resident (WIR) 2021/2022

- The Winnipeg Public Library Board welcomes Anna Leventhal the WIR 2021/2022
- Anna is an award-winning author and editor who has led creative writing workshops for a wide variety of audiences including high school, college, and adult writers of many levels of experience. She has worked one-on-one with emerging writers through the Quebec Writers' Federation's mentorship program.
- Manager has received e-mails from customers that have expressed their appreciation for Anna and the program
- Residency was a wonderful experience and had about 70 consultations
- It is a valuable program for writers to engage with aspiring writers not only in Winnipeg but within Manitoba
- Provided update on current projects
- During the pandemic the consultations were done online, e-mail, or over the phone
- Would have liked to do some programming in branches like past residencies

5. Approval of agenda

See Appendix B for motions

6. Approval of previous meeting minutes

See Appendix B for motions

7. Manager's Report – Karin Borland

See Appendix A for report

8. Chair's Report – Jaideep Johar

Item	Description	Action
Writer-in-Residence Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final report received and circulated prior to meeting• <i>See Appendix B for motions</i>	

Item	Description	Action
WPL Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On April 25 the Millennium Community Connections space opened. Thank you to Emmanuel, Diane, and Kim for attending on behalf of the Board. Also, to David Chadwick from City Centre LAC for attending. On April 27 the Munroe Library also opened 	
Executive Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Committee has approved for WPL to use the approved \$10 K for supplies for the Community Crisis Workers, Community Connections space and Library branches to include non-edible items The Executive Committee has approved the Assistant's request for 2 LOAs however can still be reachable; emails and voicemails will not be checked during the LOAs 	
Schedule Change Result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on responses received, the Tuesday, Oct 4 meeting will be moved to Monday, Oct 3 to observe the Jewish Holy Day Yom Kippur <i>See Appendix B for motions</i> 	
In-Person Meeting Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Committee has decided to delay in-person/hybrid meetings for both Executive and Board meetings 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A survey has been sent all and request that all members respond for the Executive Committee to collect feedback, determine feasibility, and decide if/when meetings will return in-person/hybrid 	

9. Vice-Chair’s Report – Nikica Subek Simon

Item	Description	Action
Strat Plan and TRC Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met on April 11, 2022 • Committees have decided to merge as projects overlap • The Executive Committee has approved Nikica’s request to have Annabel continue subsequent meetings and to help with reports for the remainder of the year • Q1 strat plan update has been received and distributed • <i>See Appendix B for motions</i> 	

10. Treasurer’s Report – Stephen Kennedy

Item	Description	Action
Financial Report (Q1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 financial report has been received and distributed • <i>See Appendix B for motions</i> 	

11. LAC Updates

LAC	UPDATE
<i>Assiniboia</i>	• Meeting is trying to be scheduled by the end of the month
<i>City Centre</i>	• Annabel is assisting with coordinating a meeting
<i>East Kildonan-Transcona</i>	<i>No update</i>
<i>Lord-Selkirk West Kildonan</i>	• Annabel is assisting with coordinating a meeting
<i>Riel</i>	• Meeting has been scheduled for May 12

12. Other Business

- *Karon Chester and Diane Papst provided verbal report on attending the Ontario Library Association*

13. New Business

- *Prison Book Sale (Ian)*
 - Manitoba Library Association is doing a book drive to collect book donations
 - An outdoor book sale will also be scheduled for June
 - E-mail will be sent out to Board and LAC members with further information

14. Date and Location of Next meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
MS Teams Meeting

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned 6:20 p.m.

1st Jaideep Johar

2nd Emmanuel Oluwadare

Appendix A
Manager's Report May 3, 2022

1. Facilities Update

a) Millennium Library Carpeting and Lighting Upgrade

- *No update*

b) Refurbishment of Children's Area at Millennium

- Work is ongoing
- "Tree area" is mostly completed with the carpet replacement will be part of the next phase
- Target for work to be completed is end of month/June

c) Cornish Library

- *No update*

d) West Kildonan Library

- Planning, Property, and Development will be presenting a report to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage, and Downtown Development on May 9, 2022.
- Reports and live link to video can be found on the City Clerk's Decision-Making Information System. Video can also be viewed after the meeting on the [City's YouTube channel](#).
 - *Administrative Report* [click here](#)
 - *Independent Fairness Report* [click here](#)
 - *Live Video (May 9)* [click here](#)

e) Harvey Smith Library

- Harvey Smith Library will be closed for the month August to coincide with the Cindy Klassen Recreation Complex renovations
- Will provide additional information when available

f) Facility Re-opening Updates

- Munroe Library had a soft opening on Friday, April 22 with a formal ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, April 27. Thank you to the Winnipeg Public Library Board and East Kildonan-Transcona Library Advisory Committee for their generous donation of flowers and funding for refreshments.
- Millennium Library's Community Connections opened on Monday, April 25. Thank you to the Winnipeg Public Library Board for approving funding to purchase supplies for the space. Once the space opened, and tours were completed, customers started to use the space and our Community Crisis Workers were able to connect.

2. Adult Programming and Outreach Update

We are so pleased to have begun reintroducing in-person adult programming into libraries. We are continuing with a variety of online programs: Spirit and Intent of the Treaties, Immigration Law, English Conversation Groups, French Conversation Groups, computer, gardening programs and much more.

Writer-in-Residence 2022/2023 call for applications will begin Wednesday, May 4 and closes on Monday, June 6.

Book Clubs have restarted at 2 library locations (Bill & Helen Norrie and Louis Riel)

Comedy Festival will be visiting the Millennium Library for two free noon-hour programs in May.

Mobile Library has resumed bi-weekly service to two low-income neighbourhoods: Blake Gardens Neighbourhood Resource Centre (in Weston), and the Indigenous Family Centre on Selkirk Avenue. The public is welcome to drop in to either location to get their free Winnipeg Public Library card. They can then borrow library material at the Mobile Library, at any regular library location, and use any of WPLs online resources 24/7.

We are booked into the *Pride Parade* on Sunday, June 5 *and* will also be staffing a library tent at the new Pride Fair on Saturday, June 4.

Invitations will be sent out in the coming weeks to Board and LAC members to assist staff for this event *as well as* for the WPL tent at *Kids Fringe* (at its new location in Stephen Juba Park!) on Saturday and Sunday, July 23 & 24.

3. Youth Services Update

In-person *Early Literacy* Sessions began on April 11. The Spring Session runs April 11 – May 20 and two mini-sessions will run May 2-20 and May 30-June 17. In addition to the in-person early literacy programs, two online Family Story Time sessions are being offered via Zoom. 36 sessions are being offered in total this Spring across 18 facilities City-wide [21 Baby Rhyme Time; 13 Toddler Time; 2 Online Family Story Time].

There were 440 attendees at 15 *Spring Break* programs on Zoom. Spring Break - March 26-April 2 - included programs for families, school-age, tween, and teens. Winnipeg Public Library staff presented eight of the programs and partnered with WISE Kidnetic-Energy for six STEM programs, and Aaron Burnett performed a musical show to kick off Spring Break. Thank you to the Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library for supporting the Spring break programming.

Planning is well-underway for the *TD Summer Reading Club* – June 13 – September 2. TD SRC includes the distribution of free bilingual reading

kits, library programs for families, children, and youth, as well as the StoryWalk® program. Two books are featured as TD SRC StoryWalks® this summer (*Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox*, written and illustrated by Danielle Daniel & *I Am Scary* by Elise Gravel). The StoryWalks® will be offered at all facilities throughout the summer.

4. Red Dress Day

May 5 is known as Red Dress Day which is a day to raise awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirit (MMIWG2S). In partnership with the City's Indigenous Relations division, Winnipeg Public Library will have Red Dress displays at every library branch for May 5-16.

As part of the process, we have asked staff to wear the red dress pins that the Winnipeg Public Library Board had purchased last year and to reflect on what the red dress(es) represent to ensure they find an appropriate space within the branch.

If you are at a branch during this time, we encourage Board and LAC members take the time and visit the displays.

Lastly, we have ensured that we provide supports to staff who are personally affected and have arranged for Sharing Circles were staff can have conversations and learn.

For more information, please visit any of the online resources below:

- Library Info Guide (and for public referrals): <https://guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/mmiwgtwospirit>
- City of Winnipeg website <https://winnipeg.ca/indigenous/MMIWG/default.stm>
- National Inquiry: Reclaiming Power: <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/>

5. City of Winnipeg Anti-Racism Initiatives

The City has launched its Anti-Racism in Action 2022 website. There is information on the various City's initiatives including videos, links to WPL resources, and videos. There is a calendar of events that will be updated throughout the year for the public to attend.

Board and LAC members are encouraged to save the website and check regularly for updates.

<https://winnipeg.ca/Interhom/anti-racism/default.stm>

Appendix B

May 3, 2022 Motions

MOTION	1ST	2ND	DISPOSITION
That the agenda be approved as distributed with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prison Book Sale (New Business)	Jaideep Johar	Emmanuel Oluwadare	Carried
That the April 6, 2022 minutes be approved as distributed	Jaideep Johar	Nikica Subek Simon	Carried
That the Writer-in-Residence 2021/2022 final report be accepted as distributed.	Jaideep Johar	Judith Littleford	Carried
That the Tuesday, October 4 meeting to Monday, October 3.	Jaideep Johar	Ian Keenan	Carried
That the Q1 strat plan report to be approved as distributed	Nikica Subek Simon	Emmanuel Oluwadare	Carried
That the Q1 financial report be approved as distributed	Stephen Kennedy	Kim Coss	Carried