

# Winnipeg Public Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 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"/>	Karon Chester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Scaletta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kristen Hardy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diane Papst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Linda English	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kim Coss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Laker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karin Borland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melak Yossief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Duncan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nunziata Masi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Wyatt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waraidzo Chiyoka	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Guests:** Irmay Nikkel, Cindy Elliott, Ryan Cormack, David Chadwick

### 1. Call to order, welcome, housekeeping

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

### 2. Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory and Homeland – Jaideep Johar

Winnipeg is located on 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. Approval of agenda

*See Appendix B for motion*

### 4. Approval of previous meeting minutes

*See Appendix B for motion*

## 5. Manager's Report – Army Nikkel *on behalf of Karin Borland*

*See Appendix A for report*

## 6. Chair's Report – Jaideep Johar

Item	Description	Action
<b>Annual Report and Financial Audited Statements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thanks to Diane Papst for volunteering to represent the Library Board at the April 13 Standing Policy Committee on Community Services.</li><li>• Verbal and written report was received by the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services</li></ul>	
<b>Exhibit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussed “They Say There is a Land” exhibit</li><li>• Winnipeg Public Library will look further if can host exhibit</li><li>• Library Board members are encouraged if there are ideas/projects/activities to bring forward to the Executive Committee/Winnipeg Public Library</li></ul>	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organization chart was provided prior to meeting</li><li>• Assistant is working on Library Advisory Committee (LAC) Board representative appointments</li><li>• There are 2 vacancies on the strat plan committee</li></ul>	

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Item	Description	Action
<b>In-Person Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominations committee require 2 non-Executive committee members</li> <li>If there are no volunteers, Assistant may assign members to committees</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Committee discussed possibly holding 1 or 2 meetings in-person in the fall</li> <li>August will be held online because it is an important budget meeting</li> <li>If starting in-person than may also consider starting the meeting a bit later so that members can commute to location</li> <li>Accommodations may be made upon request and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis</li> </ul>	
<b>Executive Committee Appointment</b>	<i>See appendix B for motions</i>	

**7. Treasurer’s Report – Stephen Kennedy**

*See appendix B for motion*

**8. Administrative Updates**

Written reports will be provided by the Assistant and appended to minutes going forward

**9. Millennium Library Community Working Group Update – Linda English and Nunziata**

- Meeting held on April 17, 2023
- Members have expressed that their views are not considered

- Feedback received that the membership could be broadened which could include more Indigenous members and persons with lived experience
- It was discussed that advocacy is important and that many library users come from various parts of the City

## 10. LAC Updates

- Assiniboia LAC: no update
- City Centre: no update
- East Kildonan-Transcona LAC: meeting scheduled for May 16 | scavenger hunt work continues | discussing with Adult Programming on possible programming that was discovered that was offered in other areas to bring to the EKT community
- Lord-Selkirk West Kildonan LAC: no update
- Riel LAC: no update
- If Library Board or LAC members have ideas on how to connect the library to the community to send an email to the Assistant and they will connect members to Outreach Services

## 11. Millennium Library Update

No update

See item #13 for summary of other discussions related to library

## 12. Other Business

*None*

## 13. New Business

*Ontario Library Association Conference 2023*

- Written and verbal reports received from Dean Scaletta and Kristen Hardy

*Banned Books*

- Discussed book challenges that have been happening in southern Manitoba
- The delegations dismissed the Library Board has been only advisory
- Reminder that delegations that have appeared in front of Council had previously requested to speak to the Library Board in 2022 however could not schedule them because they were not forthcoming with requested information
- Recommendation given that a declaration is created jointly with the City
- Winnipeg Public Library can pull materials for review and reminded attendees there is a [Materials Selection Statement](#)

### *Connecting LACS*

- Suggestion received that a contact list be created so that the LACs can meeting and discuss issues
- Assistant will follow-up

### *Health Crisis*

- There is a stigma associated with health crisis such as but not limited to trauma, homelessness, addiction, mental health, and emotional health
- Would like to further discuss issues and possible education opportunities
- Councillor Wyatt to connect with Assistant to further discuss

## **14. Date and Location of Next meeting**

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.  
MS Teams Meeting

## **15. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm

**1<sup>st</sup>** Jaideep Johar

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Karon Chester

**Appendix A**  
**Manager's Report April 4, 2023**

## **1. Facilities Update**

### **a) Millennium Library Carpeting and Lighting Upgrade**

- Work has been completed
- All floors are now open to the public during regular business hours
- The 4<sup>th</sup> floor has new service desk, relocated for improved sightlines by staff for a safer space. Public computers have been replaced in a layout with added space between customers, with the intent of reducing interpersonal conflict.

### **b) Millennium Library Community Connections Space**

- No update

### **c) West Kildonan Library**

- RFP 847-2022 1x1 Architecture has been awarded contract
- Will be working on current building condition assessment and feasibility study
- Information will be provided when available

## **2. Recruitment Update**

Winnipeg Public Library continues to fill vacancies. Current opportunities can be found on the city of Winnipeg's website <https://legacy.winnipeg.ca/hr/default.stm>

## **3. Youth Services Update**

- The TD Summer Reading Club and Teen Summer Reading Challenge will run June 12-September 1. Beginning June 12 children 0-12 can receive their free bilingual reading kit and teens their summer reading challenge card at any library branch. TD SRC is for kids of all interests, ages, and abilities.
- Beginning June 12 families can register for summer programs for children, teens, and families taking place July 3 – September 1.
- Spring Break (March 27-April 1) included 47 programs for families, school age children, and teens. Total attendance 1,072. Many thanks to the Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library for their support of spring break programming.
- The [Spring Early Literacy Session](#) runs April 17-May 20, registration opened March 20.

- The first Winter Early Literacy Session (January 16 - February 18) included 292 programs over 5 weeks with a total of 4,943 attendees. The second Winter Early Literacy Session (March 6 – March 25) included 181 programs over 3 weeks with a total of 3,304 attendees.

#### 4. Adult Programming and Outreach Update

- Heritage Winnipeg's **Doors Open Winnipeg** is a free annual event held on the last weekend of May. Once again, Cornish Library will open *its* doors for the public to enjoy the building's historical architecture.
- **Book-to-Movie** screenings return to Millennium Library. Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>'s film is Agatha Christie's classic *Death on the Nile* (2022 version starring Kenneth Branagh as Hercule Poirot).
- Join us for a keynote with Joan Thomas and creative writing workshops related to climate change at **Inside the Writer's Mind: Writing Climate Change**. Presented in partnership with the *Winnipeg International Writer's Festival*.
- **COVID in the House of Old** exhibit runs from May 2 through to May 13. 7,609 seniors in Canadian care homes died of COVID over its first seven months. This exhibit presents powerful stories of frustration, outrage, care, love, and grief, tracing fault lines that COVID revealed in our eldercare system. You can share your memories and thoughts in our Story Space. Be part of a national project of acknowledging and reflecting. Help imagine a better future for our caregivers, our elders, and ourselves.
- May's **Time to Read** podcast pick is *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison. Discussions take place on social media (we even have our own Facebook group!). And you can always send your questions and thoughts to [wpl-podcast@winnipeg.ca](mailto:wpl-podcast@winnipeg.ca).
- Participate in a beginner session of **Sitting Tai Chi**. Those with limited mobility are welcome to attend.
- **Companion gardening** with Dr. Eva Pip. Promote harmony in your garden by recognizing which plants get along, and which ones cannot stand each other!
- May 5<sup>th</sup> is the **National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirited Peoples**. To honour the day all Winnipeg Public Libraries will have red dresses on display from May 5 through to May 17.

More programming and events can be found online. Please visit [LibCal - Winnipeg Public Library](#)

## Appendix B

### May 2, 2023 Motions

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>DISPOSITION</b>
That the agenda be approved as distributed	Jaideep Johar	Kristen Hardy	<b>Carried</b>
That the April 4, 2023 minutes be approved as distributed with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Under East Kildonan-Transcona LAC update: summer quiz should be scavenger hunt</li></ul>	Jaideep Johar	Nunziata Masi	<b>Carried</b>
That the Winnipeg Public Library Board's Regulations Article 4 section 1 and the 2023 Executive Committee motion approved on February 13 allowing for 3 members-at-large be suspended, and that Winnipeg Public Library Board approve the appointment of a 4 <sup>th</sup> member-at-large member on the Executive Committee.	Jaideep Johar	Dean Scaletta	<b>Carried</b>
That the Winnipeg Public Library Board appointment of Linda English to the Executive Committee as a member-at-large.	Jaideep Johar	Melak Yossief	<b>Carried</b>
That the Winnipeg Public Library approve the Q1 financial report	Stephen Kennedy	Linda English	<b>Carried</b>