

Winnipeg Public Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karin Borland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melak Yossief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waraidzo Chiyoka	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guests: Cindy Elliott, Ryan Cormack

1. Call to order, welcome, housekeeping

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 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 – Jaideep Johar

See Appendix B for motion

4. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Jaideep Johar

See Appendix B for motion

5. Manager's Report – Karin Borland

See Appendix A for report

6. Chair's Report – Jaideep Johar

Item	Description	Action
Executive Committee Expenditures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Executive Committee approved an expenditure of \$1,000 for WPL's marketing to use for social media boosts to promote programming and services	
In-person Meeting Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">E-mail sent, responses due October 4	

7. Treasurer's Report – Stephen Kennedy

WPL Funding Request

- WPL Marketing and Adult Programming had indicated to Assistant that some of the approved projects cannot be pursued this year
- Alternative requests were received where one was the \$1,000 from Marketing for social media ad boosts
- Secondary request received from Adult Programming for \$6,000 to use for Indigenous programming
- Executive Committee supports approving request
- See appendix B for motion

8. Administrative Updates

See appendix C for report

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

- Meeting was held on September 28 to review and receive updates on the safety measures at Millennium Library and discuss censorship issues

10. LAC Updates

Assiniboia Nunziata Masi	Kristen is working to schedule a meeting
City Centre Diane Papst	Meeting scheduled for October 19 at Bill and Helen Norrie Library
East Kildonan- Transcona Cindy Elliott	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting scheduled for October 17• Thanks given to Councillor Browaty for donating \$100 for gift basket prizes
Lord Selkirk – West Kildonan Ryan Cormack	No report
Riel Dean Scaletta	No report

11. Millennium Library Update – Karin Borland

- 5 Community Safety Hosts have started full-time at Millennium Library
- Winnipeg Police Service no longer onsite but have requested for foot patrols
- Have asked DSCP to conduct foot patrols in and outside of building
- Manager and Administrative Coordinator of Central Library Services have been checking-in with staff
- Recruiting staff for Community Connection space is ongoing

12. Other Business

Materials and Censorship Challenges

The Winnipeg Public Library Board unanimously supports the following statement:

The Winnipeg Public Library Board affirms its commitment to diversity, equity, and peaceful expression of different points of view. We support library staff and professionals who maintain collections that serve everyone including the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community.

As such, we acknowledge and stand in solidarity with the Manitoba Library Association, South Central Regional Library staff, and all public libraries and trustees who are facing harassment and dealing with challenges to materials.

See appendix B for motion

13. New Business

None

14. Date and Location of Next meeting

Tuesday, November 6, 2023 – time/location TBD

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm

1st Jaideep Johar

2nd Stephen Kennedy

Appendix A
Manager's Report October 3, 2023

1. Facilities Update

a) West Kildonan Library

- Stakeholder meetings were held on August 8 and 9 at the library branch and a remote option was provided
- Consultant will be using feedback to write the final report and prepare for public engagement that is planned for the fall 2023
- Thanks to the library staff, Library Board and LAC members, and community organizations who participated

b) Millennium Library Lobby Redesign

- RFP 428-2023 Professional Consulting Services for Millennium Lobby Feasibility Study closed on August 18 and is process of being awarded
- There will be stakeholder meeting scheduled in future which will include inviting Library Board members to participate

c) Library Capital Projects

- On September 29, Council approved \$165,000 to be transferred into the Library Refurbishment and Interior Infrastructure capital account
- Funds were from the Winnipeg Library Foundation final disbursement payment
- Funds will be used for various projects such as:
 - Millennium Library first floor service desk to improve safety
 - Windsor Park Library program room soundproofing
 - Pembina Trail Library carpet repair

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. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirited People's Honouring and Awareness Day in Manitoba

October 4 is Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirited People's Honouring and Awareness Day in Manitoba.

From October 4-18 all 20 branches of Winnipeg Public Library are hanging a red dress accompanied by information on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls 2SLGBTQ+ people. Libraries will also display resources to learn more on MMIWG2S+ and to celebrate accomplishments by First Nations, Metis and Inuit writers and peoples.

4. Youth Services Update

The annual TD Summer Reading Club ran from June 12 - September 1. This year 16,572 free bilingual reading kits were distributed to pre-reading and school age children, a 17% increase from the number of kits handed out in 2022 (14,169).

The library offered 287 programs for families, children, and teens this summer with 5,999 attendees in July and August. This is a 48% increase in programs offered, and a 54% increase in attendance from 2022.

Children tracked and submitted ballots for each day they spent time reading or being read to this summer. A total of 11,741 ballots were submitted which is equivalent to 58,702 days of reading.

TD SRC was also promoted at special events such as:

- KidsFest (June 11)
- Summer KIK Off (June 15)
- Newcomer Welcome Fair (June 24)
- IRCOM Summer Celebration (June 30)
- Kids' Fringe (July 28-29)
- Library Day at the Ballpark (July 30)
- 1,600+ engagements overall.

The bilingual Teen Summer Reading Challenge Card for teens in Grades 7-12 included 17 unique challenges. 1555 bilingual challenge cards were distributed this summer, a 17% increase in challenge cards handed out from 2022 (1332).

Fall Early Literacy Sessions have begun, with 1,101 children registered for 70 sessions of programming (Baby Rhyme Time, Toddler Time, and Family Story Time) as of September 29. Fall Early Literacy programming will run from September 18 – November 10.

Science Literacy Week took place from September 18 - 24 with a science themed program running at each library branch. There were 314 attendees at the programs, a 28% increase in attendance from 2022 (13 programs were offered as part of

science literacy week in 2022, with 20 offered in 2023). A highlight was 112 children and their caregivers attending a newly developed staff-led program *Eco-Energy Autos*, which promoted family literacy and learning.

5. Adult Programming Update

St. John's Library is hosting a health series for older adults, starting October 3. Topics range from acrylic painting to learning about frauds and scams. Book chats in partnership with Thin Air International Writers Festival are running at Millennium Library from October 3-12.

Millennium Library's ideaMILL is ramping up programming including sewing clinics, music jam sessions, and learning the basics of home recording.

St. John's Library is hosting a traditional drum making workshop with Elder Val Vint - all supplies provided.

Tales at Night at the Good Will Social Club is Wednesday, October 11. Come on down to hear some spooky tales and browse our pop-up library.

Many other programs for adults and seniors are on offer - as always, go to the Library's Program and Events calendar or use the WPL app to browse the offerings.

6. Outreach Services Update

Outreach Services has a busy October of community programming and presentations including visits to Sara Riel, teacher expo (EAL teachers), Taking Charge program, Rossbrook House, Huddle Broadway, Adolescent Parents Information Network, Addictions Foundation of Manitoba, the Gizhe Waa Tii-Si-Win expo for unhoused peoples, and Headingly Correctional Centre.

Please check the [online Programs & Events calendar](#) for schedule details. Feel free to share [Programs & Events Posters](#) with your contacts.

Appendix B

October 3, 2023 Motions

MOTION	1ST	2ND	DISPOSITION
That the agenda be approved as distributed	Jaideep Johar	Kristen Hardy	Carried
That the September 5, 2023 minutes be approved as distributed	Jaideep Johar	Dean Scaletta	Carried
That the request of \$6,000 for WPL Indigenous Programming and that the assistant be authorized to do all things necessary to execute the intent of the foregoing be approved.	Stephen Kennedy	Nunziata Masi	Carried
That the Winnipeg Public Library Board unanimously supports the following statement and next steps: “The Winnipeg Public Library Board affirms its commitment to diversity, equity, and peaceful expression of different points of view. We support library staff and professionals who maintain collections that serve everyone including the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community. As such, we acknowledge and stand in solidarity with the Manitoba Library Association, South Central Regional Library staff, and all public libraries and trustees who are facing harassment and dealing with challenges to materials.”	Stephen Kennedy	Linda English	Carried
That the Winnipeg Public Library Board approves actions required to pursue development of a public statement and that the assistant be authorized to do all things necessary to execute the intent of the foregoing.			

Appendix C

October 3, 2023 Administrative Updates

Communications & Announcements

September 26 email – notified all Board and LAC members whose term ends December 31, 2023

- Will be following up with members who have not responded

October 1 email - Survey responses due Wednesday, October 4

Recruitment update

- All print recruitment is bilingual
- Sent e-mail to all Board and LAC members to promote
- As of Oct 2 – 20 inquiries have been received (18 e-mails; 2 phone calls)
- Social media schedule
 - Facebook – ad boost purchased
 - X and Instagram – every Thursday
- Posters sent to branches
- CanStar (community newspapers) ads scheduled for Sept 20 and Oct 11
- Winnipeg Free Press (Books section) ads scheduled for Sept 23 and Oct 14