

# Winnipeg Public Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Millennium Library (Buchwald Room)

## Minutes

	<u>Present</u> <u>Regret</u> <u>Absent</u>				<u>Present</u> <u>Regret</u> <u>Absent</u>		
Monique Ireland (Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carla Epp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Wenezs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dean Scaletta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paisley Cozzarin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gordon Crook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Robinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jaideep Johar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ed Cuddy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laila Yesmin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Santos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mario Lebar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Schreyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Morley Walker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trevor Surgenor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	P. Colleen Suche	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Guests:** Jordan Wheeler, Winnipeg Public Library Writer-In-Residence;  
Cindy Fernandes, Director of the Community Services Department;  
Millennium for All Community Group

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

### 2. Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory and Homeland – *Michael Wenezs*

I would like to acknowledge that we are in Treaty #1 Territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, Dene Peoples and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

### 3. Guest

*See Appendix A for Guest Highlights*

### 4. Approval of agenda and of the previous meeting minutes

*See Appendix C for motions*

## 5. Manager's Report – Ed Cuddy

*See Appendix B for report*

## 6. Chair's Report – Michael Wenezs o.b.o. Monique Ireland

Item	Description	Action
<b>Writer-In-Residence Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Written report received</li><li>● <i>See Appendix C for motion</i></li></ul>	
<b>LAC Appointment Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Board/LAC Orientation was held last March 16, 2019 at the Millennium Library<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 24 attendees including Library Liason for Assiniboia LAC Nadine McCaughan of Charleswood Library</li></ul></li><li>● Irmay Nikkel, Administrative Coordinator of Support Services of WPL, attended and presented in place of the Manager of Library Services.</li></ul>	
<b>LAC Appointments Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Document circulated prior to meeting</li></ul>	

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<b>Books and Brunch Names</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document circulated prior to meeting</li> <li>• 5 Board members and 5 LACs will be attending</li> </ul>	
<b>Committees Representatives Names</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminder email sent to Board members to put forward their names for the WPLB Representative to the Manitoba Library Trustees Association and/or the Writer-In-Residence Selection Committee</li> <li>• Board members have until April 14, 2019 for Executive consideration</li> </ul>	
<b>2019 Conferences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document circulated prior to meeting</li> <li>• Interested Board members are given until the end of the week to email the Assistant if interested in attend</li> <li>• Executive Committee will review requests and decide if will send delegate to conference</li> </ul>	

**7. Treasurer’s Report – Paisley Cozzarin**

Item	Description	Action
<b>Quarter 1 Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document circulated prior to meeting</li> <li>• <i>See appendix C for motion</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant to resend document for financial statements breakdown</li> </ul>

## 8. LAC Reports

Item	Description	Action
<b>Assiniboia</b> (Morley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● First meeting last March 19, 2019 at St. James-Assiniboia Library</li><li>● Library reps reviewed various programs offered</li><li>● LAC Chair requested statistics for library traffic and circulation</li><li>● LAC discussed Millennium Library screening process</li><li>● Next meeting will be in early June before summer break</li></ul>	
<b>City Centre</b> (Laila)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● First meeting last March 28, 2019</li><li>● LAC elected Elizabeth Redston as new Chair and Anastasia Baran as Secretary-Treasurer</li><li>● Brainstorming on events that could be re-hosted this year</li><li>● Laila recommended to contact the Assistant regarding the use of the \$250 LAC budget on promotional items</li><li>● LAC discussed Millennium Library screening process</li></ul>	
<b>EK – Transcona</b> (Michael)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No report</li><li>● Meeting to be scheduled</li></ul>	

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<b>Lord Selkirk – West Kildonan</b> (David)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First meeting last March 19, 2019 at West Kildonan Library</li> <li>● Discussed distributing copies of WPL Newsletter <i>At the Library</i> to more establishments</li> <li>● Also talked about the opening of St. John’s Library and how the LAC could participate</li> <li>● Next meeting on May 14, 2019</li> </ul>	
<b>Riel</b> (Dean)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First meeting last March 18, 2019 at Pembina Trail Library</li> <li>● LAC talked about having another outreach event at St. Vital Centre sometime mid-June or in the Fall</li> <li>● Next meeting on April 27, 2019</li> </ul>	

**9. New Business – Community Group Presentation – Millennium for All Group**

- The Board welcomed three members of Millennium for All to make a formal presentation to the group.
- Millennium for All’s position is that the screening process marginalizes certain groups and that it has negative impacts on the community
- The group’s presentation concluded with four demands of Library administration and the City of Winnipeg
  - Stop the screening measures immediately
  - Fund and house social supports at the Library
  - Meet with community organizations by June 1, 2019
  - Change library services to better meet the needs of Winnipeg’s marginalized people
- The group also included a specific demand for the Manager of Library Services and the Director of Community Services:
  - Stop the screening immediately and change library services to better meet the needs of marginalized people.

- The group made further requests of the Library Board, including Council representatives:
  - For Councillor representatives: as elected officials, advocate for more funding, social services and supports for this library
  - For citizen members: put pressure on decision makers to fulfill our (Millennium for All) demands
  - For citizen members to provide a response on why they were not consulted on the screening issue, describe your role as an advisory board, advocate for marginalized community members and follow-up with a meeting within 30 days
- Board will provide response to groups request
- *Verbal report received as information*

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

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.  
Transcona Library  
1 Transcona Boulevard (Program Room)

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned 7:11 p.m.

**1<sup>st</sup>** Dean Scaletta

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Morley Walker

## Appendix A

### Guest Speaker Highlights

- The Winnipeg Public Library Board welcomes Jordan Wheeler, Winnipeg Public Library Writer-In-Residence
- Jordan is from George Gordon First Nation
- He has been writing professionally since 1982 and has been working in film and television since 1984
- Some of his books include *Digital Ogichida*, *Brother in Arms*, and *Just a Walk*; and has worked as a scriptwriter and story editor for TV series *Arctic Air*, *renegadepress.com* and *North of 60*
- Received a total of 65 submissions, including drop-ins
- A lot of the submissions were mostly prose, with some poetry, some short scripts, and some theatre
- Appointments ranged from 30 minutes to 2 hours
- Jordan comments that a lot of the submissions had very good content and only needed some technical advice and polishing on form
- Jordan also acted as a link between clients and other writing connections when the scope of one's submission is beyond his expertise (e.g. French language)
- Jordan thanks WPL and its funders for the opportunity of being WPL's Writer-In-Residence for 2018/2019

**Appendix B**  
**Manager's Report April 2, 2019**

## **1. Facilities Update**

### **a) Carnegie Library renovations**

St. John's:

- On track for spring/summer opening.

Cornish:

- Construction slated to start late April 2019

### **b) River Heights Library / Bill & Helen Norrie Library**

- Public engagement session to be held mid-April 2019

### **Project info pages on WPL website:**

Facility Redevelopments:

<http://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/whats happening/renorenewal/sectionmap.asp>

ideaMILL: <http://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/ideamill/>

Pictures: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/winnipegpubliclibrary/collections/>

## **2. Ronald Duhamel Award**

On March 14 St. Boniface library staff were presented with the Ronald-Duhamel award. The Duhamel award is made every two years to an employee or group of employees of a governmental or quasi-governmental body at the federal, provincial or municipal level for distinguished service to Manitoba's Francophone community. This is the first time the award has been made to City of Winnipeg staff and it's a great accomplishment for the St. Boniface Library team.

Video and story can be found on the City of Winnipeg's Our Stories webpage:

<https://www.winnipeg.ca/OurStories/2019/190320.stm>



### 3. Adult Programming Update

A Winnipeg General Strike lecture series in partnership with MB Labour Council, Sharon Reilly, Paul Moist (CUPE) has begun, marking the 100th anniversary of the Strike. The first in the series had an attendance of approximately 110 people. Displays of artwork and memorabilia are installed on the main floor, and 4th floor Local History Room at Millennium Library. The Blankstein Gallery will also house an art exhibit for the month of April on the labour-influenced art of Robert Kell – including some original pieces.

With spring around the corner, several of the branches are offering gardening workshops. Learn how to start plants from seeds, various gardening techniques from square foot gardening to vertical planting and even learn how to promote harmony in your garden. Check out the newsletter for more details.

The Adult Programming team is planning a series on climate/eco topics starting this May/June across the library system. The series will continue through the year with practical learning on reducing impacts on the environment. The series will touch on topics such as creating less waste, vermicomposting, alternative energy sources, traveling smart/green, diet, and Indigenous knowledge.

### 4. Get Your Benefit! Books

**Get Your Benefits!** is a plain language booklet listing many federal, provincial and regional benefits and programs individuals and families living in Manitoba may be eligible for. Several City facilities including Winnipeg Public Library locations will have printed copies for customers to take. The book is available in English, French and electronically. For more information please visit

[http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health\\_sciences/medicine/units/chs/benefits/](http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health_sciences/medicine/units/chs/benefits/)

## 5. Prairie Comics Festival

This annual festival is dedicated to promoting the art and industry of comic book creation in all forms: online webcomics, homemade zines, or full-length graphic novels. This festival is free and Millennium Library is the host venue. All are welcome to attend.

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Second floor

Saturday, May 4: 10:30 am – 5 pm

Sunday, May 5: 1 - 5 pm

For more information visit <http://prairiecomics.com/>

## 6. Phone It Forward

Winnipeg Public Library is a partner with CNIB Foundation's Phone it Forward (PIF) campaign. CNIB is encouraging people to donate their gently used modern smartphones to get them refurbished. The refurbished phone would then go to someone who is blind or partially sighted. Donations will allow people who qualify to:

- Read prescription labels and take medication safely
- Recognize the faces of loved ones
- Access emergency assistance from sighted volunteers
- Travel safely alone using GPS
- And do hundreds of other day-to-day tasks most of us take for granted

Starting the week of April 4, individuals can pick up a PIF pre-paid envelope at any Winnipeg Public Library Branch. For more information about the program please visit [www.phoneitforward.ca](http://www.phoneitforward.ca).

## Appendix C

### April 2, 2019 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	Mario Lebar	Dean Scaletta	<b>Carried</b>
That the minutes of March 5, 2019 be approved as distributed	David Robinson	Carla Epp	<b>Carried</b>
That the Writer-In-Residence Report be approved as distributed	Laila Yesmin	P. Colleen Suche	<b>Carried</b>
That the Quarter 1 Report be approved as distributed	Carla Epp	David Robinson	<b>Carried</b>
That the Millennium All for Group be allowed to record their presentation with the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That only the presentation be recorded</li><li>• For quality assurance the recorded is to sit beside a Board member</li><li>• Recording will stop after their delegate has spoken</li><li>• Copy of video file be provided to the Board</li></ul>	Numerical Vote Yes – 7 No – 1 Abstentions -2		<b>Passed</b>