

Winnipeg Public Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 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>		
Morley Walker (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trevor Surgenor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jaideep Johar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emmanuel Oluwadare	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Kennedy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ian Keenan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Scaletta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judith Littleford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karon Chester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kim Coss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theresa Lomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laila Yesmin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Rollins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melanie Bidzinski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Schreyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nikica Subek Simon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guests: Donna Kormilo

The Winnipeg Public Library Board would like to welcome Theresa Lomas as Acting Manager of Library Services.

1. Call to order, welcome, housekeeping

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

2. Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory and Homeland – *Morley Walker*

We would like to acknowledge that we are in Treaty No.1 territory and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation. Our drinking water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation in Treaty No. 3 territory.

3. Approval of agenda

See Appendix B for motion

4. Approval of previous meeting minutes

See Appendix B for motion

5. Acting Manager's Report – Theresa Lomas

See Appendix A for report

See Appendix B for motion

6. Chair's Report – Morley Walker

Item	Description	Action
Electronic Motion Update	<i>See Appendix C for update</i>	
WPL Funding Request	<i>See Appendix B for motion</i>	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently, WPL is not accepting room bookings• Until further notice, meetings will be held via MS Teams	
2022 Operating Grant Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operating grant application has been submitted to City Clerk's• May have to do a presentation to Executive Policy Committee in the winter; more details will be provided when known	
Fall Recruitment and Advertisement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City's recruitment process has started and will close on October 15• Board and LAC members whose term ends on December 31, 2021 and are eligible to reapply have been contacted• Social media posts have been created and been posted• Paid for Facebook social media ad	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canstar ads for all community newspapers have been purchased; the ads will run on September 8 and October 6 • The ads for Winnipeg Free Press are in progress 	

Nominations Committee

- Thanks given to Melanie and Nikica for volunteering to sit on the Nominations Committee
- Jaideep will be Chair of committee

7. Vice-Chair’s Report

No report

8. Treasurer’s Report

No report

9. LAC Updates

LAC	UPDATE
Assiniboia	<i>No update</i>
City Centre <i>Judith Littleford</i> <i>Laila Yesmin</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met virtually on June 16 • Kathleen Williams attended and discussed virtual volunteering • Discussed donating books to Prison Libraries • Chair has resigned, Secretary-Treasurer is now interim Chair • WPL has invited LAC to help at Sherbrook Street Festival
East Kildonan- Transcona <i>Melanie Bidzinski</i> <i>Nikica Subek</i> <i>Simon</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will need to book next meeting

Lord Selkirk-West
Kildonan *No update*

Riel
Donna Kormilo
Jaideep Johar
Dean Scaletta

- Will be booking a meeting
- Chair attended Rooster Town Family Reunion picnic on August 29; enjoyed event

10. Other Business

None

11. New Business

None

12. Date and Location of Next meeting

Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.
MS Teams Meeting

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned 5:54 p.m.

1st Morley Walker

2nd Karon Chester

Appendix A
Acting Manager's Report September 7, 2021

1. Facilities Update

a) Bill & Helen Norrie Library

- Received Three Green Globe Certification
- Visit out [Our City, Our stories](#) on the winnipeg.ca website

b) Millennium Library Community Connections Space

- Construction is ongoing

c) Munroe Library

- No update

d) West Kildonan Library

- Expression of Interest of Interest for a Leased Accommodation for West Kildonan Library closed on September 1, 2021
- Submissions will be reviewed and evaluated

2. WPL Update

- The Province of Manitoba public health orders have indicated that proof of vaccinations is required to enter City recreation centres, arenas, pools, and gyms
- Libraries are not required to check proof of vaccinations for general use; except for attending indoor in-person programming
- There are no changes to current service levels or capacities
- Tutorial rooms and meetings are currently unavailable
- Staffing update
 - Theresa Lomas will be the new Administrative Coordinator of Branch Services and will assume role when the new Manager is hired
 - Andrew McCulloch will be acting new Administrative Coordinator of Branch Services
 - Tamara Opar is acting Administrative Coordinator of Central Library Services
 - Mary Robinson is acting Section Head of Children/Teen Services at Millennium Library
 - Barbara Bourrier-LaCroix is the new Administrative Coordinator of Collections and Borrower Services
 - Several library service assistant job postings have closed, and interviews will be scheduled
 - Work continues to fill vacancies

- Fall/winter operating hours have started today; all branches will be open on Saturdays

3. Hybrid Meetings

The Community Services IT division is researching a video conferencing solution to facilitate hybrid meetings. A hybrid meeting is a meeting that takes place in a boardroom or meeting room, where part of the audience joins from the office and another part joins remotely, enabled by audio and video conferencing technology. Often participants will also use online content sharing solutions to support collaboration.

A pilot installation of the chosen solution will be available in the Millennium Library business office boardroom and other Community Services meeting rooms. If the pilot is successful additional sites will be included. Sites will be chosen based on a departmental needs assessment and funding availability. The installations at the pilot sites are expected to be complete in the fourth quarter of 2021.

4. Programming Update

Adult Programming

The Library continues with mostly online programs and events this fall. Programs include Skywalk Concerts & Lectures online, English Conversation Groups and informational topics (gardening, law and other). Outreach staff are resuming more off-site programming, Book Bike, and community events. Harvey Smith Library will be welcoming learners back to the classroom in our Adult Literacy Program.

This summer the Library hosted two successful **online Indigenous language learning classes** for families in partnership with Indigenous Languages of Manitoba (ILM). These sessions were paid for in part with Board funds remaining from 2020 classes cancelled due to COVID. The 10-week series were held online Saturdays with library staff as Zoom host and an ILM teacher. Ojibwe and Cree were offered. *Some comments received from evaluation forms:*

- Our family had a really great time. It was so meaningful for us and impacted us more than I can express to not only be able to learn the language but to be a part of community and to learn and laugh together. This was our first step into learning Ojibwe and it's for sure lit a fire under us to continue and pursue more education. Thanks so much to everyone involved for creating such a welcoming and flexible space that really enabled us to participate as a family.

- I heard about this program from Indigenous Languages of Manitoba social media. Thank you for this wonderful program. I've learned so much and we (my family and I) are excited to continue our learning journey. Miigwech!
- Would like to see this program continued or provide resources to continue learning. Language is something that needs to be used, this has been a great start for someone such as myself where this was my first real involvement learning Cree. But if you don't use it... you lose it as they say!

The Library, with the City's Indigenous Relations Division (IRD), continue planning for hanging red dresses at City libraries and City Hall starting October 4 for awareness and to honour Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit (MMIWG2S+).

- If you have red dresses to gift/donate, please email indigenousrelations@winnipeg.ca. If near Millennium Library, give to Kathleen Williams in Administration who will bring to IRD. All dresses will be honoured and blessed before being hung.
- The library is working with IRD on two information videos for staff awareness. Will share with the Library Board when they are ready.
- Funds provided by the Board were directed to create red dress pins. These pins were created by community impacted by missing and murdered family. The Board will be gifted pins in thanks and in recognition of support.
- Signage and information handouts (with Board logos and bilingual) and cards on supports for people affected will be with the displays.
- Library Info Guide on MMIWG2S+: <https://guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/mmiwgtwospirit>
- City site: <https://www.winnipeg.ca/indigenous/mmiwg/>

Millennium Library will be hosting the Legacy of Hope travelling exhibit to bring education and awareness about the high rates of MMIWG2S+. Costs to host this exhibit are being covered by the City's IRD. The exhibit will run mid-November through to January on the Library's second floor. <https://legacyofhope.ca/portfolio-items/waniskahtan-2/> .

The new Writer-in-Residence on October 1. The City will announce the WIR with a news release on Sept. 8. The Board provided a representative to the working group to select the new WIR and we are excited for the next year.

Youth Services Update

Youth Services presented a series of 8 science workshops, via Zoom, for children ages 6-12. In collaboration with [Scientists-in-Situ](#), families were provided with a kit of materials to conduct experiments at home as they followed along with the instructor. The Friends of WPL funded 4 puppet show and craft programs, via Zoom, presented by Castlemoon Theatre. Craft kits were provided in advance so children could create their own dragon puppet and participate in telling the story of *The Paperbag Princess* by Robert Munsch.

The Manitoba Chamber Orchestra outreach ensemble went outdoors with their *Fiddlers on the Loose in the Library* program to present *Fiddlers on the Deck* at Transcona Library. These family concerts were attended by over 50 people each, all safely distanced outdoors. We hope to present additional outdoor concerts this fall at Windsor Park and Bill and Helen Norrie Libraries.

5. Community Working Group

A meeting took place on August 31, facilitated by Jackie Hogue. Attendees broke out into separate rooms to discuss committee purpose and role, committee values and committee membership. Meeting was attended by those with lived or community activist experience, as well as individuals from outside organizations. There will be a meeting in two weeks of the internal working group (library staff, community development workers, community crisis workers, Library board members) to debrief on the meeting with the facilitator, and then we will schedule another meeting at the end of September with the larger group. Some discussion will transpire about how to include individuals from the community in a more fluid, informal way as not everyone is able to attend formal meetings.

6. Fearless R2W Update

The working group for the community host project continues to meet on a regular schedule

Timeline for intern placements at St. Boniface and St John's libraries is tentatively scheduled for November 2021

7. Funding Request

- Estimate cost \$500 (includes taxes and delivery)
- Requesting for 25 orange shirts
- They will be used for display purposes so that we can hang the shirts along with educational information which have become a symbol of support for survivors and families of Residential Schools.
- Website: [2021 EVERY CHILD MATTERS - ORANGE SHIRT DAY T-SHIRT - Dreamcatcher Promotions](#)

Appendix B **September 7, 2021 Motions**

MOTION	1ST	2ND	DISPOSITION
That the agenda be approved as distributed with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair's Report – Electronic Motion update	Morley Walker	Karon Chester	Carried
That the August 3, 2021, minutes be approved as distributed	Morley Walker	Emmanuel Oluwadare	Carried
That the Winnipeg Public Library Board approve the amount of \$500 to purchase orange t-shirts for WPL to use for displays and to authorize the assistant to do all things necessary to execute the intent of the foregoing	Morley Walker	Dean Scaletta	Carried

Appendix C

In accordance with Article 9 of the Regulations, the Chair had authorized the following business to be done electronically due to the time sensitivity of the matter and/or no immediate meeting was scheduled.

VOTING PERIOD	MOTION	IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	DISPOSITION
July 17-20, 2021	That the Executive Committee approve the purchase of flowers for the St. John's Library and; Bill & Helen Norrie Library openings in the amount of \$150/each (inclusive).	4	0	1	Carried
August 12 – 16, 2021	That the Winnipeg Public Library Board approve the funding request of \$3,000 to support the WPL/IRD Red Dress Project for supplies and honouraria for speakers	9	1	4	Carried