

Winnipeg Public Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 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> | | |
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| Jaideep Johar | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Emmanuel Oluwadare | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Judith Littleford | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ian Keenan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nikica Subek Simon (<i>Chair</i>) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Karon Chester | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Laila Yesmin | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Guests: Donna Kormilo

1. Call to order, welcome, housekeeping

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

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

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. Approval of agenda

See Appendix B for motions

4. Approval of previous meeting minutes

See Appendix B for motions

5. Manager's Report – Karin Borland

See Appendix A for report

6. Chair's Report – Jaideep Johar

| Item | Description | Action |
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| 2023 Annual Grant Application Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 grant application submitted to City Clerk's and Corporate Finance on August 10• May be required to do a presentation later in the year: more details forthcoming | |
| In-person Meeting Survey | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Executive Committee reviewed updated survey results• 11/12 members responded• Based on responses received Board meetings will continue online until February 2023• The Board will be surveyed again to determine if we can return to in-person meetings with a possible hybrid option | |
| Reconsideration of OLA Proposal | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update will be provided next month after Manager meetings with Fearless R2W and partners on September 9 | |
| Annual Recruitment Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook ad has been purchased and will run until October 21 | |

| Item | Description | Action |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media (Instagram, Twitter) posts have been scheduled through WPL’s accounts • Community Newspaper ads will run August 31, September 21, and October 12 • Winnipeg Free Press ads will run on September 10 and October 8 in the Books section • 2022 Board poster has been distributed to branches • Suggestion received that ads should have a French option; will make inquiry with newspapers for 2023; can create bilingual social media posts for 2023 | |

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

- World Storytelling Series and Sharing Circle planning update received

8. Treasurer’s Report – Stephen Kennedy

No report

9. LAC Updates

| LAC | UPDATE |
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| <p><i>Assiniboia (Cristiana, Kim Kristen)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 3 meeting was held • Will be asking members to think more about the LACs role, priorities, and goals • Branch Heads within the area will look for ideas for funding |
| <p><i>City Centre (David, Judy, Laila)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person meeting planned for October 13 at Cornish Library • Members have been asked to attend with WPL at the Sherbrook Street Festival on Saturday, September 10 |

LAC**UPDATE**

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- Wolseley Night Market event was successful on August 4 with over 20 renewed/new card sign-ups and more than 50 books checked out
 - Will be discussing on how to spend funds
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*East Kildonan-
Transcona
(Jonathan, Karon,
Nikica)*

- Jonathan will be stepping down at the end of September
 - New Chair will be elected at next meeting
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*Lord-Selkirk
West Kildonan
(Ryan, Jaideep,
Diana)*

- No update
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*Riel
(Donna, Dean,
Emmanuel)*

- Meeting is being planned in October
- Donna will be ending her term at the end of the year

10. Other Business

None

11. New Business

None

12. Date and Location of Next meeting

Monday, October 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
MS Teams Meeting

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned 6:10 p.m.

1st Nikica Subek Simon

2nd Stephen Kennedy

Appendix A
Manager's Report September 6, 2022

1. Facilities Update

a) Millennium Library Carpeting and Lighting Upgrade

- Demolition and construction have become on the 2nd floor as of August 15, 2022
- Completion schedule has been delayed due to supply chain challenges
- Project page [Millennium Library Renovation - Winnipeg Public Library](#)

b) Harvey Smith Library

- Re-opening to the public on Tuesday, September 6 at 1 p.m.

c) Transcona Library

- a. Coordination in progress to install exterior book return on the west side of the building

2. Thanks and Acknowledgements

Winnipeg Public Library would like to thank Judy Littleford, Ian Keenan, and David Chadwick for volunteering to help Rémi Fontaine at the Wolseley Night Market on August 4, 2022.

3. Ontario Library Association Presentation Proposal

Will be discussing with Fearless R2W and its Partners for the Community Host Safety Program at a September 9 meeting.

4. Operating Hours Update

Fall/Winter/Spring hours will begin Tuesday, September 6. Saturday hours will expand to all branches and six branches will resume Sunday hours. Please visit [Locations and Hours - Winnipeg Public Library - City of Winnipeg](#) for more information on operating hours.

5. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

All branches will be closed on Friday, September 30, 2022.

In recognition of this day and to raise awareness, branches will be working on Orange Shirt Day displays and providing education information for customers. Thank you again to the Library Board for providing the funding for the shirts in 2021 as it has become a symbol of support for survivors and their families of Residential schools.

6. Staffing Update

New Branch Heads

- Austin Matheson, Westwood Library

New Youth Services Librarian

- Jenna Grose

New Community Crisis Worker

- Marnie Vieira

Recruitment Highlights

- Branch Librarian Head for Harvey Smith posting 121437 closes on September 7
- West End Literacy and Learning (WELL) Adult Literacy Coordinator/Instructor posting 121512 closes on September 13
- Bilingual shelver position will be posted in September
- For external job careers please visit [Careers - Human Resources - City of Winnipeg](#)

7. Adult Programming and Outreach Update

- The **Assiniboia Indian Residential School display** continues its rotation to library locations. The display was installed at the SWST library for July-August and will be installed at Cornish Library for September-October. An estimated 2,398 members of the public have viewed this display to date. The Assiniboia Indian Residential School, located at 615 Academy Road in Winnipeg, was in operation from 1958 until June, 1973. Discover the hidden history and stories of some of the graduates and survivors in this nine-panel exhibit.
Developed in partnership with the City of Winnipeg's Indigenous Relations Division and Planning, Property, and Development.
Special thanks to the graduates and survivors of the Assiniboia Residential School for sharing their story.

- The **Adult Summer Reading Challenge** concluded Friday, September 2. Ballots are being drawn for one prize per location to participants who completed a library-themed activity (e.g.: read a book by an Indigenous author, view an award-winning film on Kanopy).
- Fall is the time to save seeds for the next year. Osborne and Cornish libraries are hosting **Seed Libraries** for community members to leave and take seeds.
- **Book Clubs** are back! Many libraries are welcoming registrants to their in-person book clubs to discuss interesting titles. This is one great example of how libraries are regaining their place as community social hubs.
- Additional programs for September include *Family law: what are my options?*, *Introduction to Eastern European Genealogy*, *Tips on decluttering*, and many more!
- The Mobile Library continues biweekly visits to Blake Garden's Neighbourhood Centre, and to Indigenous Family Centre.
- Outreach staff are also scheduled to present on the library at Addictions Foundation of Manitoba, and to the seniors at The Enclave.
- Staff continue to promote the library at large, outdoor community festivals in September. The Book Bike will be at **ManyFest** at Broadway and Memorial Blvd, bringing library information, and a collection of material to browse and borrow on Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11.
- Look for the WPL tent at **Sherbrook Street Festival**, on Saturday, September 10. Staff will be making library cards on-the-spot, have a book display, provide bookmarks with upcoming program information and colouring sheets for children. Invitations to WPLB and LAC members to volunteer will be sent out shortly. Staff counted 140 interactions with the public at this event in 2021. And 150 interactions in 2019!

Met with the **2022/2023 Writer-in-Residence**. Formal announcement will be made this month. Program start October 1, 2022 and runs until April 20, 2023. Thank you to the Winnipeg Public Library Board for their continued funding support of the program. For more information, please visit [Writer-in-Residence - Winnipeg Public Library - City of Winnipeg](#)

8. Youth Services Update

- The annual TD Summer Reading Club will end on September 2. TD SRC is for children of all interests, ages and abilities and is designed and developed to inspire kids to explore the fun of reading while reducing summer learning loss.
- Registration for the first of two Fall Early Literacy Sessions opened on August 29. The first Fall Early Literacy Session will run September 19-October 28 and includes 60 early literacy sessions (Baby Rhyme Time, Toddler Time, and Family Story Time). All programs are in-person and registration is required. The second Fall Session will run November 14 - December 16 and registration will open on October 17.
- We are pleased to celebrate Science Literacy Week September 19-24. 15 science-based programs for school age and pre-school children will be offered over the course of this week. A new booklist has been created and will accompany science-themed book displays for children and their families in branches. Thanks to the Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library for their support of Science Literacy Week programming.
- Two Indigenous Language learning sessions will be offered for children and their families this Fall. Ininimowin (Cree) for Families at Transcona Library and Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) for Families at Bill and Helen Norrie Library. Classes run on Saturdays from September 17 – October 22 and registration is required. Thank you to the Winnipeg Public Library Board for their support of Indigenous language programming this Fall.

9. Ukrainian refugees

- [Aug 27 family event](#) with targeted activities in Ukrainian (approximately 60 in attendance) – developed in collaboration with community partner at St. Anne Ukrainian Church – serves as a follow-up to Aug 5 card sign-up at HEND for 70 children from newly arrived Ukrainian families

10. Community Connections Update

- Opened April 25
- As of mid-August, over 5,700 visits (200 – 600 per week) during hours half of Millennium Library Hours
- Over 30 different visiting agencies have been in the space. Visit agencies can connect with library customers and provide information/services.

11. City of Winnipeg Anti-Racism Initiatives

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

September 6, 2022 Motions

| MOTION | 1 ST | 2 ND | DISPOSITION |
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| That the agenda be approved as distributed | Nikica Subek Simon | Councillor Schreyer | Carried |
| That the August 2, 2022 minutes be approved as distributed with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Riel LAC update – clarify that TD Summer Reading club planning committee is a national committee | Nikica Subek Simon | Dean Scaletta | Carried |