

# Winnipeg Public Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waraidzo Chiyoka	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Guests:** David Chadwick and Cindy Elliot

### 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. Treasurer's report – Stephen Kennedy

*See Appendix B for motions*

## 6. Manager's Report – Karin Borland

*See Appendix A for report*

## 7. Chair's Report – Jaideep Johar

Item	Description	Action
<b>Land and Water Acknowledgment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thanks to Kim, Diane, Kristen, and Linda for volunteering to reading the Land and Water Acknowledgement at future meetings</li><li>• If anyone would like to volunteer in future, please contact the Assistant.</li></ul>	
<b>Library Advisory Committee Representatives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assistant will be working on appointments in future</li></ul>	
<b>Committee Sign-Ups</b>	<p>Executive Committee has reviewed requests and are happy to announce the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kristen Hardy will be the representative on the Writer-in-Residence selection committee</li><li>• Lisa Laker will be part of the strat plan committee</li></ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Linda English and Nunziata Masi will represent the Library Board on the Millennium Library Community Working Group</li> <li>● Kim Coss will be the Manitoba Library Association Trustee rep</li> <li>● Nominations will be recruiting in the fall</li> <li>● Requesting for 1-2 more members to consider joining Strat Plan committee; please contact assistant</li> </ul>	
<b>Orientation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scheduled for March 25 at 10:30 a.m. via MS Teams</li> <li>● Members who have attended previously do not need to attend</li> <li>● All Board and LAC members will receive materials regardless of if attending or not</li> <li>● Orientation counts towards LAC meeting requirements (i.e., must meet a minimum of 3X a year)</li> </ul>	
<b>Upcoming Presentations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● March 13 – Executive Policy Committee</li> <li>● April 13 – Standing Policy Committee on Community Services</li> </ul>	
<b>Vice-Chair Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vice-Chair role remains vacant</li> <li>● Will be proceeding for now however will need to discuss future succession planning</li> </ul>	

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<b>Looking Ahead</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 4, 2023 meeting will have several presentations including project funding requests</li> <li>• Meeting will be held online to ensure quorum</li> <li>• In future Executive Committee will discuss in-person or possible hybrid meeting</li> </ul>	

## 8. Treasurer's Report

*No report*

## 9. LAC Updates

- East Kildonan-Transcona LAC: working on scavenger hunt continues
- Assiniboia: a funding proposal has been received from Charleswood Library; members will be considering funding request in future

## 10. Other Business

*None*

## 11. New Business

*None*

## 12. Date and Location of Next meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.  
MS Teams Meeting

## 13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned 5:45 p.m.

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Stephen Kennedy

**Appendix A**  
**Manager's Report March 7, 2023**

## **1. Facilities Update**

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

- No update since last meeting
- Follow project page for up-to-date information  
<https://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/whats happening/renorenewal/mill/millenniumreno.stm>

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

- We are working on a plan to reopen as soon as possible.

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

- Proposals have been received for RFP 847-2022 Building Assessment and Feasibility Study
- Award is in progress

## **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. Anti-Racism Month**

March 21, 2023 marks the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Library branches will be pick-up sites for Anti-Racism lawn signs. Visit WPL's Info Guide for more information and recommended reads.

[Home - Racism and Anti-Racism - Info Guides at Winnipeg Public Library](#)

## **4. Youth Services Update**

- February was I Love to Read Month and Take Your Child to the Library Days programming took place at all 20 branches. Over 900 attendees participated in 37 programs with over 600 attendees at the Family Performances that took place on Saturdays (Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25) including 75 at the Millennium Library

performance. Thank you to the Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library for supporting the Take Your Child to the Library Days programming.

- During Take Your Child to the Library Days there were 559 new children's library card registrations across 20 facilities.
- 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](#) will run March 6 – 25. It will include 62 early literacy sessions (Baby Rhyme Time, Toddler Time, Family Story Time). The Spring Early Literacy Session will run April 17 – May 20, with registration opening March 20.
- The newly updated [Racism and Anti-Racism Booklist for Children and Teens](#) is now available on the website. Select titles will be featured in displays for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21).
- [Spring Break \(March 25-April 1\) Programs](#) include 40 programs for families, school age children, and teens.

## 5. Adult Programming and Outreach Update

- Winter 2023's **Skywalk Lecture Series** concludes this month with award-winning poet (and former WPL Writer in Residence) Di Brandt presenting her recently published poetry collection *The Sweetest Dance on Earth*. And speaking of the Writer in Residence, this month the **Time to Read** podcast team will be discussing *this year's* WiR Frances Koncan's play *Women of the Fur Trade*. Thank you to the Winnipeg Public Library Board for being a co-sponsor of the Writer in Residence program.
- Online programs to celebrate spring include **Seed Starting** with Barb Ediger, former president of Sustainable South Osborne Community Co-op, and **Traditional Plants: uses, gardening, storing, and seed harvesting** with Marlene Gallagher. Offered in partnership with the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba.
- In-person programs include **Tales at Night** at the Goodwill Social Club, **The Art of Comics Lettering**, **Researching the History of Your House**, and many more.
- **Makers in Residence** Osani Balkaran and Sean McLachlan round out their tenure with a series of in-person, hands-on programs: Design a Postcard, Introduction to Relief Printing, Learn about Beat Making, and Lyric Writing. Last week 60 enthusiastic students from Victor Mager School visited the ideaMILL makerspace to create under the guidance of our resident maker artists.
- Outreach staff are scheduled to make presentations and / or deliver library card signups at: **Red River College** Polytech's Language Training Centre (EAL students), **Enhanced Skills for Employment** (provides language upgrading to skilled immigrants), **Taking Charge!** (Taking Charge! helps more than 200 single

parents and women enter into a full-time education program each year to attain their Mature Grade 12 education while caring for their kids in a fully subsidized and licensed daycare), and more.

## 6. 2023 Preliminary Budget Review Process

- [Multi-year budget: 2023 update | City of Winnipeg](#) – to view budget documents and the schedule of public meetings to hear delegations and consider changes

## 7. Subscribe and Follow

- E-mail: <https://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/whats happening/emails signup.asp>
- Social Media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#)
- Podcast: [Time to read](#)
- Friends of WPL: [website](#), [newsletter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)

## Appendix B

### March 7, 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	Diane Papst	<b>Carried</b>
That the February 13, 2023 minutes be approved as distributed	Jaideep Johar	Karon Chester	<b>Carried</b>