

Winnipeg Public Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 – Lisa Laker

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. Manager's Report – Irmy Nikkel *on behalf of Karin Borland*

See Appendix A for report

6. Chair's Report – Jaideep Johar

Item	Description	Action
Acknowledgment and Thanks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanks Lisa Laker for organizing free parking at the Pride Parade for WPL staff and volunteers	
Executive Committee Funding Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On May 30, 2023 the Executive Committee approved food allowance (\$60/person) for the Writer-in-Residence 2023/2024 Selection Committee• The Library Board has previously provided either catering or food allowance to the selection committee	
Advertisement Expenditure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See appendix B for motion	
In-person Survey	<i>Forthcoming</i>	
Cornish Library Renaming Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistant has contacted Councillor Rollins about the Cornish Library Renaming Project• The Councillor has indicated it is a future project to still consider however no timeline has been set• The Library Board will table item until further notice	

Item	Description	Action
Prison Library Book and Bake Sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-mail sent on June 4 by assistant • MLA’S Prison Libraries Committee (PLC) is having a book and bake sale on June 17 • PLC is a volunteer group that provides collections, programming and library awareness for incarcerated and reintegrating men and women in the justice system 	

Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food receipts are due to Annabel by Sunday, June 11 • Dean has offered free books from the OLA Conference, if interested contact Dean directly and assistant can plan to have books delivered to your preferred branch • Library Board appointments to LACs will be done the week of Jun 19 – attendance is not required at Community Committee meetings • There is no meeting in July • August is an important budget meeting to review 2024 operating grant application; if you know you will not be in attendance, please notify assistant asap 	
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7. Treasurer’s Report – Stephen Kennedy

No report

8. Administrative Updates

See appendix C for report

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

No report

10. LAC Updates

Assiniboia Kristen Hardy	No report
City Centre Diane Papst	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 5 meeting at Fort Garry Library• Received update from LAC Liaison about various WPL programs, activities, and outreach events• Book clubs are on hiatus for the summer but will resume in the fall• Fort Garry Library has interesting shard garden and a quiz for customers to take• Will meet again in September
East Kildonan-Transcona Cindy Elliott	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Met on May 16• Annabel attended on behalf of the Board with Karon's consent• Will be promoting summer reading quiz July 3 – September 1• There will be 5 prize packages• Have been on contact with WPL's Adult Programming and Outreach Coordinator regarding programming ideas to bring into the area• Have been using open data portal and may be developing a 1-page talking points sheet to assist with discussions with public• Held elections last meeting, will be returning as Chair and Carly will be secretary-treasurer
Lord Selkirk – West Kildonan Ryan Cormack	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting scheduled for June 28
Riel Dean Scaletta	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attempts to schedule first meeting continue

11. Millennium Library Update – Karin Borland

- At the May 31 Standing Policy Committee on Community Service meeting 30-day report extension granted
- Will update Library Board when information is available

12. Other Business

None

13. New Business

- *Verbal report received from Trevor Surgenor and Karin Borland re: censorship challenges and library materials*
- Things to consider if approached to discuss issue
 - Parents have a role and responsibility for their own children and not others
 - Must balance intellectual freedom and the role of the library
 - The RCMP have looked at challenges in BC and determined materials are not pornographic in nature
 - <https://globalnews.ca/news/9505240/chilliwack-school-books-not-child-pornography/>
 - WPL has a [materials selection statement](#) and staff review materials
 - Manitoba Library Association have [published statements](#)

14. Date and Location of Next meeting

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
MS Teams Meeting

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm

1st Jaideep Johar

2nd Dean Scaletta

Appendix A
Manager's Report June 6, 2023

1. Facilities Update

a) West Kildonan Library

- As previously reported, 1 X 1 Architecture has been hired as the consultant to conduct a building assessment and feasibility study which includes public engagement with stakeholders and public
- Library Board and Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Library Advisory Committee will be invited to participate (engagement will occur in the fall)

b) St. John's Library

- a. All 14 broken windows are now replaced, and scaffolding removed so the external book return is reopened.

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. Youth Services Update

- The TD Summer Reading Club and Teen Summer Challenge will run June 12-September 1. Beginning June 12 children 0-12 can receive their free bilingual reading kit and teens their summer challenge card at any library branch. Beginning June 12 customers can register for summer programs for children, teens, and families taking place July 3 – September 1.
- June is Pride Month. Both the [Rainbow Reads for Children](#) and the [Rainbow Reads for Teens](#) booklists are now available on the library's website. This is the first year that there is a Rainbow Reads booklist just for Teens. Select titles will be featured in Pride displays throughout the month of June.
- We resumed our programming partnership with Sunshine House this spring and hosted our first bilingual Read by Queens program on Saturday, May 20 at 2 p.m. at St. Boniface Library. The program was full of 49 children and their caregivers in attendance. Many thanks to the Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library for their support of this program. This was the first in-person Read by Queens program since February 2020.

- May was Asian Heritage Month. Two class visits were offered with Vietnamese Canadian author Linda Trinh. She explores identity, cultural background, and spirituality in her writing. *The Nguyen Kids* is her first children's book series. Millennium Library hosted an author visit with 50 students from Sister MacNamara School on Friday, May 12 at 10 a.m. and Pembina Trail Library hosted a visit with 58 students from both Dalhousie School and Prairie Sunrise School on Friday, May 12 at 2 p.m. 23 new library cards were distributed to students at these programs. Thank you to the Asian Heritage Society, The Writers' Union of Canada, and the Canada Council for the Arts for supporting this event.
- The Spring Early Literacy Session (April 17 – May 20) included 308 programs over 5 weeks with a total of 5,393 attendees.
- July 30 is Library Day at the Ball Park. Come and visit staff during the Goldeyes game!

4. Adult Programming and Outreach Update

- **National Indigenous History Month** June acknowledges the history and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis People. All library locations will feature themed displays, including a new reading list handout: Indigenous Authors – Recommended Reading for Adults, and will also be promoting our Indigenous-related topics Info Guide.
- Join us on **National Indigenous Peoples Day**, June 21 at Sergeant Tommy Prince Place. Games and books will be available along with a barbecue, artisan booths, dance demonstrations, and prizes. *Hosted by Circles for Reconciliation.*
- Join Allen Sutherland to learn about [Anishinaabe Spirituality](#), **June 19 at Charleswood Library (6:30 pm – 7:30 pm)**. Allen Sutherland, is an Anishinaabe Saulteaux from Skownan First Nation in Treaty 2 Territory and is of the Bizhiw doodem (Lynx Clan). Allen is currently the life-long learning Lodge Keeper with the First Nations Treaty 2 Territory.
- Join the celebration of **Pride Month** in support of the diversity of our community! Drop by the library table at the **Pride Fair**, Saturday, June 3 to pick up a button, or a bookmark, or sign up for a library card. On Sunday, look for the WPL van in the **Pride Parade** – looking a little more glamorous than usual! A sincere Thank You to WPLB members who have offered to participate in WPLs Pride Parade contingent this year.

- [1-on-1 Tech Tuesdays](#) at St. John's Library starting on June 27. Do you need help with technology questions? Bring your own phone, tablet, laptop, or use a library computer and drop in to ask about: email and social media accounts; finding government forms; finding online bank statements and paystubs; Saving to "the Cloud" e.g. Google Drive or OneDrive.; and any other internet / tech questions you have.
- [Resume and Cover Letters](#) workshop on June 23 at Cornish Library. will introduce the skills essential to writing resumes and cover letters. Participants will learn how to write a professional resume, what information to include, and how to write a strong cover letter. *Presented in partnership with YES (Youth Employment Services), this workshop will be of particular interest to youth aged 16-29.*
- The ever popular Book Bike was at the Bonnycastle Park Pit Stop for **Bike to Work Day on June 5**. Staff had a selection of cycling books available to borrow and fun library / bike-themed buttons to giveaway!
- Winnipeg Public Library will be staffing a tent at **Summer KIK Off** (formerly Kids in Kare Picnic) on June 15, 4 pm – 8 pm at The Forks. This is an annual picnic for foster families. The event includes a barbeque dinner and several tents with activities, crafts, games, and giveaways for families. The WPL tent, will offer library information, crafts, giant games, and giveaway books.
- WPL will be staffing a tent at **Newcomer Welcome Fair** on June 24, noon to 4 pm at Freight House (200 Isabel St). This annual event welcomes all newcomers, refugees, and immigrants, and celebrate Multiculturalism Day in Canada. We will be making library cards on-the-spot, hosting a bookmaking craft station, distributing free giveaway books courtesy of the Winnipeg Public Library Board, and TD Summer Reading Club Kits. We'll even have Big Games and a StoryWalk®!

More programming and events can be found online. Please visit [LibCal - Winnipeg Public Library](#)

Appendix B

June 6, 2023 Motions

MOTION	1 ST	2 ND	DISPOSITION
That the agenda be approved with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add New Business: Book Banning	Jaideep Johar	Linda English	Carried
That the May 2, 2023 minutes be approved as distributed	Jaideep Johar	Dean Scaletta	Carried
That the Winnipeg Public Library Board approve the assistant to spend up to \$6,000 for recruitment advertisement to fill 2024 vacancies on the Library Board and LACs; and to do all things necessary to execute the intent of the foregoing	Jaideep Johar	Stephen Kennedy	Carried

Appendix C

June 6, 2023 Administrative Updates

1. Acknowledgements

Thank you to the Library Board for sponsoring the Manitoba Library Association Conference in the amount of \$5,000. Received promotion on the website, and recognition during opening keynote speaker. 21 individuals were registered including Library Board, Library Advisory Committee, and Winnipeg Public Library staff.

Thank you to the Library Board and LAC members who are volunteering at the various events during the summer with Winnipeg Public Library staff. Will have final names of who have participated for August meeting

2. Communications & Announcements

May 23, 2023 – Manitoba Library Association acknowledged and made updates to their contacts to list Kim Coss as the Library Board's representative.

May 27, 2023 – Free books e-mail sent to members on behalf of Dean

- If interested, contact Dean directly
- Arrangements can be made to have books delivered to preferred branch for pick-up

June 4, 2023 – Prison Library Book Sale and Information provided by assistant. Please share with your networks

June 20, 2023 – Manitoba Library Association will be holding their AGM online. Kim has registered to attend and will be the Library Board's representative.

3. Website

The City of Winnipeg is making changes to websites/pages. This includes the Library Board/LAC pages.

Pages are managed by the Winnipeg Public Library's Marketing staff.

A meeting has been called with Marketing on June 7 to discuss redeveloping the pages and posting past pictures, minutes, and re-writing some of the content.

May include French translation

4. Library Advisory Committees

All

- All contact information has been updated and distributed to members
- Notified LACs of upcoming Board appointments

East Kildonan-Transcona

- Eric Fontaine has been selected as the new WPL LAC Liaison and met the LAC on May 16
- Training has been provided to Eric on May 19

Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan

- Will continue to provide secretary/treasurer support in a non-voting capacity
- Do not have many members
- Meeting booked for June 28, 2023

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- Assisting to coordinate first meeting

5. Projects

Strat Plan report – will draft the Q2 and send to committee to review and edit; draft will be available to Executive in July

Orientation materials and summary of videos – target end of June

Regulations update is ongoing – target to have draft of changes in fall

By-law amendments plan – target to have draft plan by July meeting

Assistant contract – will work over the summer with Stephen

6. Other

Winnipeg Public Library encourages members to submit ideas and staff will review feasibility and if the suggestion falls within their mandate.

There are no more “More than Books” giveaways available. All copies have been disbursed to new Library Board members and Outreach. There are no current plans to re-order. However, copies can be obtained at every Winnipeg Public Library Branch.