



MINUTES

Winnipeg Public Library Board

General Monthly Meeting

DATE/TIME Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION Teams

CHAIR Linda English

	Present	Regret	Absent		Present	Regret	Absent
Linda English	<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"/>	Alvin Murdock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dean Scaletta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karon Chester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lisa Laker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kristen Hardy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Melak Yossief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melanie Ferris	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karin Borland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nunziata Masi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Santos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ramy Penner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Wyatt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wara Chiyoka	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guest: Amber Lamboo, Matejo Maroti, Cindy Elliott, Dee Wallace, Eric Fontaine

Public: Ben McGillivray

1. **Call to Order** – Linda English

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. **Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory and Homeland** – Linda English

Winnipeg is located 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. **Presentation** – Eric Fontaine

See appendix C for presentation highlights

4. **Agenda** – Linda English

The agenda has been approved as distributed with changes - *See Appendix A for motion.*

5. **Minutes** – Linda English

Minutes of May 7, 2024, 2024 has been approved as distributed with changes - *See Appendix A for motion.*

6. **Manager's Report** – Amber Lamboo *obo Karin Borland*

See Appendix B for report

Additional item: Kids Card Contest opened to children aged 4-12 years old; winners will have their design printed on a library kid's card

7. Chair's Report – Linda English

Item	Summary
7.1 Grant Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant 2024 has been signed and City's Finance is processing
7.2 Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City's annual recruitment to fill 2025 vacancies will start in August and close in October Executive Committee has decided that will not pursue print promotions (i.e. community newspapers, Winnipeg Free Press) Promotions for 2024 for WPLB and LAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website Social media Digital displays in branches Bilingual poster Will be pursuing creating bookmarks – waiting for City's print shop to provide price quote Can also consider reaching out to free options such as Volunteer Manitoba and Winnipeg Free press volunteer page <i>See appendix A for motion</i>
7.3 Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aware WPLB and LAC webpages at out of date WPL is working towards transferring webpages to a mobile friendly format Will be awhile before webpages are moved over and to re-write to align Lisa Laker has volunteered to assist to write
7.4 Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An inquiry has been received asking for a copy of the Regulations Executive Committee has reviewed the request and it was decided that since the Regulations were not meant for public release that at this time it will not be provided However, it was suggested that since the Regulations is due for a review – Annabel and 1-2 Board members work on it in the next month or two Intention is that the regulations be re-written to be more user friendly but can also be posted online to increase transparency Melanie has volunteered to assist to write

8. Treasurer's Report

No report

9. Administrative Report

No report

10. Millennium Library Working Group – Nunziata Masi

- Met on May 27
- Discussed breakdown of trust with the members and WPL
- Discussed the role of the group and possibly restructuring

- Linda has contact Minister Smith regarding Community Connections

11. Manitoba Library Association AGM – Nunziata Masi

- AGM was on April 18
- New Board members were elected
- Trustee position is currently vacant
- Nunziata may be interested in volunteering

12. MLA EDI Training – Kirsten Hardy

- Written and verbal report received
- Councillor Wyatt suggested that similar training for Board/LAC be coordinated
- Kirsten/Nunziata to inquire if training materials can be shared with the Board

13. Library Advisory Committee Updates

Item	Summary
Assiniboia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting as held on May 15 • Deidra is Chair and Judy is Secretary-Treasurer – positions by acclimation
City Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceila is new chair • Some members have met but did not reach quorum • Discussed outreach ideas and sent questions to Assistant and Chair
East Kildonan – Transcona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting scheduled for June 6
Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update
Riel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matejo is new Chair • Interested in surveying St. Boniface Library but awaiting for approvals • Observed that St. Boniface Library washrooms require keys, creates a challenge for the number of customers and children

14. New Business

2025 Operating Grant

- Councillor Wyatt has indicated there are proposed funding cuts to groups who are part of the operating grant process
- This may affect the Board and advises the following:
 - Contact the Mayor and Councillor Browaty that groups under contract or funded through a by-law should not be part of cuts)
 - Report will be going to EPC in June

Sunlife Musical Instruments

- Sponsorship has ended but remaining instruments are able to be loaned out

Contact Information

- Personal contact information form has been circulated to members to sign if members want to share with Board members

15. Adjournment

The meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

1st Linda English

2nd Lisa Laker

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, August 6 2024 at 6:00 pm Teams

Appendix A: Motions | June 4, 2024

MOTION	1 st	2 nd	DISPOSITION
That the Winnipeg Public Library Board approve the agenda as distributed with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removal of Administrative Report	Linda English	Dean Scaletta	Carried
That the Winnipeg Public Library Board approve the minutes of May 7, 2024 as distributed with changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• City Center LAC – change date to May 21• EKT LAC – consent form discussed and is to be forwarded to Executive Committee for review	Linda English	Dean Scaletta	Carried
That the Winnipeg Public Library Board approve the expenditure of \$500 to spend on Facebook ads for recruitment purposes and that the assistant be authorized to execute the intent of the foregoing.	Linda English	Dean Scaletta	Carried

1. Thanks and Acknowledgments

On behalf of Winnipeg Public Library, we thank the Library Board and Library Advisory Committee members for volunteering at some of the outreach events WPL staff attending.

Saturday, May 25 – Culture Fest

- Samantha Ott, LSWK LAC

Sunday, June 2 – Pride Festival

- Kristen Hardy, WPLB
- Alana Ollinger, LSWK LAC

Saturday, June 15 – Newcomer Fair

- Ceila Rodd, City Centre LAC
- Arielle Villarin, City Centre LAC
- Matej Maroti, Riel LAC

2. Facilities Update

Millennium Library Lobby Redesign

- Save the date: June 19, 2024 at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Millennium Library
- 2nd meeting for stakeholders
- Library Board and City Centre LAC members will be invited

West Kildonan Library

- The administrative report and feasibility study will be heard at the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services on June 3, and at the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development on June 4
- To view the study and stakeholder summaries visit:
[Documents | West Kildonan Library Building Review | Engage Winnipeg](#)
- Project page: [West Kildonan Library Building Review | Engage Winnipeg](#)

3. 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>

Work is underway to bulletin for 2 administrative positions and for public service positions related to Council approved expanded hours. More information will be provided once known.

4. Youth Services Update

The TD Summer Reading Club and Teen Summer Challenge will run June 10 - August 30. Beginning June 10 children ages 0-12 can pick up a free bilingual reading kit and teens a bilingual summer challenge card at any library branch. On June 10 customers can also register for summer programs for children, teens, and families taking place July 2 – August 30.

Highlights of upcoming programming this summer include author visits from David A. Robertson, S.M. Beiko, and Michael Redhead Champagne, as well as a return of World Language Story Time and the World Storytelling Series. Thank you to the Winnipeg Public Library Board for funding World Language Story Time and the World Storytelling Series this summer.

June is Pride Month. Both the [Rainbow Reads for Children](#) and the [Rainbow Reads for Teens](#) are being updated with new titles this year, sharing the wonderful 2SLGBTQIA+ books in the library collection.

May was Asian Heritage Month. Vietnamese Canadian author Linda Trinh visited the Fort Garry Library for an author reading with students from General Byng School, 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 8 – May 18) included 391 programs over 5 weeks with a total of 7,923 attendees.

5. Adult Programming and Outreach Update

Libraries has a busy June planned. Community events are ramping up. A few highlights:

June is Pride Month and National Indigenous History Month. The library will be at The Forks for the Pride festivities on June 1 and 2 with a pop-up library. Thank you volunteers for helping on the Sunday. We are also hosting events for Indigenous History Month - medicine pouch making and red dress pins. See below for link to red dress pins - space still available. The social media team and staff will also be putting out displays for the month in recognition of both special months and promoting 2SLGBTQ+ authors and Indigenous authors. Visit our Info Guides too for recommended reading and a lot more:

Indigenous topics: <https://guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/indigenous>
2SLGBTQIA+: <https://guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/2SLGBTQIA>

In the community:

- [Library Happy Hour](#): adult story time is testing out a new location at the Little Brown Jug. Staff read select short stories and a small pop-up library attends to get a library card and borrow. Drop-in, 18+ only.
- [Newcomer Fair](#): libraries are attending with games, library information, membership cards and books to give away for attendees (thanks to the Board!). This event is very popular with families and people who leave near its site of Freight House. Thank you volunteers! Drop in.

- Please share: [Tour de WPL](#) group bike ride on June 8 still has space. Registration required.

And in the library:

- On June 22 Scott Ford is presenting on [Graphic Novel Self-Publishing 101](#). This is part of a monthly series at Millennium Library in partnership with the Winnipeg Comics Festival. Registration requested.
- Learn about the Winnipeg's architecture in [Winnipeg150: Stories our Buildings Tell](#). Registration requested.
- Please share: space still available to register for [Red Dress pins](#). Make a pin to share awareness of MMIWG2S+. Registration required.

Visit our Programs and Events page for more including tech workshops, crafting, and book clubs.

6. Prison Libraries Committee Book Sale

The Manitoba Library Association Prison Libraries Committee Book Sale will be on June 22 at the West End Commons. For more information visit [2024 Book Drive / Book & Bake Sale! – Manitoba Library Association \(mla.mb.ca\)](#)



Please check the [online Programs & Events calendar](#) for schedule details.
Feel free to share [Programs & Events Posters](#) with your contacts.

The Winnipeg Public Library Board welcomes Eric Fontaine, Branch Head Librarian of Transcona Library

Summary of presentation

- Eric started at Winnipeg Public Library in October 2022 as an Information Reference Librarian at Millennium Library
- As of May 2023, Eric has been the Branch Head Librarian of Transcona Library
- Library branch was part of the Library redevelopment strategy and reopened in its new location in March 2019
- Since reopening, circulation statistics have seen a significant increase
- There is a living wall and customers enjoy reading by the plants
- Seven study tables are well used during regular hours
- Programming includes several early literacy programs, 2 adult book clubs, tween book club, and much more
- Staff are involved in program delivery and display creation
- Eric thanks and acknowledged all Transcona Library staff on their creativity, dedication, and commitment to getting materials to customers
- Transcona Biz added a bike repair station and across the street the CN 2747 (first steam locomotive constructed at the Transcona shops) can be located