

Cambridge Public Library  
Board of Library Trustees  
October 2, 2019  
Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm in the Trustees' Room, 449 Broadway. The following members of the Board of Library Trustees were present:

- Janet Axelrod
- Karen Kosko
- James Roosevelt
- Omowale Moses
- *Also present:* Maria McCauley, Director of Libraries; Julie Roach, Manager of Youth Services
- *Absent:* Nancy Woods

Minutes from the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

New Business

- **Summer Reading 2019:** Ms. Roach joined the meeting to inform Trustees about the success of the Summer Reading 2019 program, *A Universe of Stories*.
  - CPL uses the national theme for Summer Reading, which celebrated space this year as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landing.
  - This is the second year that the CPL has worked with the schools to register students for the program and to set personal reading goals. This year, 2230 students were registered!
  - The program kicked off with a laser light show event in the Lecture Hall in late June, where much fun was had!
  - 319 public programs were held across all CPL locations.
  - Youth Services librarians led 50 off-site visits.
  - Evening visits to local housing developments were highly successful.
  - 100 camp groups visited the library as well.
  - In July & August, ~87,000 children's materials were circulated, ~80,000 of which were books.
  - This year, CPL also hosted an Adult Summer Reading program. In the future, we hope to have a joint Summer Reading program for children and adults.
- **Strategic Planning:** Ms. McCauley shared that the Strategic Plan Framework approved by the Trustees in September was filed and accepted by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Ms. McCauley plans to share examples of projects in each of the 4 strategic areas at future meetings.
  - **Arts & Culture:** Create more programming for working families, scheduled weeknights from 5:00-7:00 PM (with food) and on Saturdays.
  - **Welcome & Inclusion:** Add mobile hotspots to circulation to offer patrons wireless access off-site from the library.
  - **Learning & Literacy:** Offer early literacy training that uses the Brazelton model including professional development for staff and parenting workshops.
  - **Community & Democracy:** Offer activities and programs to align with Census 2020.

- **Valente Update:** Ms. McCauley shared some important upcoming dates:
  - **King Open Complex Opening Celebration**, including tours of the Valente branch, is Saturday, October 26, 11:00-1:30 PM.
  - **Opening Day:** Monday, November 4
  - **Voting Location:** Tuesday, November 5
  - **Foundation Event:** Thursday, November 14
  - **Branch Celebration:** Wednesday, November 20 (not finalized) - a day of events/activities for various audiences
  - **Jay Mankita:** Saturday, November 23, first children's STEAM event.

The opening hours for Valente will be Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00-8:00, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10:00-6:00 and Saturdays 10:00-5:00.

- **STEAM Update:** Ms. McCauley talked about the successful STEAM Learning Lab celebration on September 19 and how meaningful it was to have so many STEAM partners represented. She also mentioned the OLLIE events and STEAM Petting Zoos being conducted at the branches. In October, we will be offering Science Club for Girls at the O'Neill branch.

SAVE THE DATE: Hive Opening Celebration on Wednesday, January 22 from 3:00-5:00 PM, with snow date of Wednesday, February 12.

#### Library Update & Upcoming Events

- Ms. McCauley provided an update of recent Library events and highlighted upcoming programs.
- Trustees are invited to attend the next event in the *Our Path Forward* series, author **Nuruddin Farah** on Oct 23 at 6:30 PM in the Lecture Hall.
- Trustees are invited to attend the **DREAM BIG: Protecting the Vote** Foundation event on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, reception at 6:00 PM, program to follow at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Axelrod, Chair