

Member Council Report

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The Member Council had a hybrid meeting at Maxell Memorial Library on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024. The meeting began with the approval of the January 2024 Meeting Minutes. The meeting then moved on to updates from system committees and working groups. The most noted conversations from the committee updates stemmed from topics such as new hotspot equipment for the system, timelines for inactive patron records, outreach opportunities, and updates on Staff Day which will be held at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo.

The meeting then moved on to old business. It began with updates regarding Springshare which will be replacing Evanced in the coming months. Springshare features that will be available are the event calendar, room reservations, and virtual appointment requests. Discussion then moved to NYLA Advocacy Day in Albany, NY. The staff that attended the event summarized the sessions with legislators and effectively expressed need for renewal of NovelNY as well as increased funding for construction aid and operations budgets.

We closed the meeting with discussion on the upcoming Solar Eclipse. Members discussed their plans for distributing eclipse glasses as well as program plans leading up to the event and on the day of. Members also discussed other non-library organizations that will be offering glasses and programming on the day of the event. The Solar Eclipse will be held on Monday, April 8th, 2024. Some schools in the county will have a half day or no school that day to observe the eclipse. More information about eclipse programs and events can be found here: <https://www.onlib.org/events/2024-eclipse-programs-and-events-ocpl>

The next Member Council Meeting is set for Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 at Betts Branch Library. A Zoom option will be available.