

Member Council Report

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The Member Council had a hybrid meeting at Betts Branch Library on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024. The meeting began with the approval of the March 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 newly appointed board of trustee members, literacy initiatives for adults, delivery updates, and deadlines for the next Polaris patron record purge.

The meeting then moved on to old business. It began with updates regarding the Mentoring Program which will be moving forward with getting a committee and meeting together. The meeting then went on to a proposal on a new version of the Book By Mail service for the system. This proposal is written to offer the Books By Mail service to homebound patrons once again and will have sustainable options for managing the service effectively. We ended old business by giving updates on Springshare as well as a review of Staff Day at the Zoo.

We closed the meeting with discussion on the upcoming 2025 Budget Requests. The system was informed that if there are requests for additional services that would require implementing in the 2025 budget to inform administration.

The next Member Council Meeting is set for Tuesday, July 9th, 2024 at Fairmount Free Library. A Zoom option will be available.