

Member Council Report

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The Member Council had a hybrid meeting at Fairmount Community Library on Tuesday, July 9th, 2024. The meeting began with the approval of the May 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 outreach opportunities, hotspot updates, and System Retreat updates.

The meeting then moved on to old business, which was a quick update regarding Springshare. The event calendars for Central and city branches have officially been launched and things are going very well. The appointment booking feature is also available and active for staff.

We closed the meeting with a discussion of the uncertainty of physical media, Blue-Rays, and DVDs due to Disney Movie Club selling their rights to distribute physical media to Sony. This led to a productive discussion on what libraries are doing to acclimate patrons to digital library media platforms like Hoopla, Libby, and Kanopy should physical media eventually deplete. The topics of copyright, movie programs, and digital content ownership were also discussed. Other libraries brought up the possibility of streaming service access and what that might look like.

The next Member Council Meeting is set for Tuesday, September 10th, 2024 during the System Retreat. The location will be at Arrowhead Lodge and will be in-person only.