

**MLK Library Friends Annual Meeting
President's Report to Members
November 14, 2023**

\$\$\$ Fundraising

As we have been reporting, our unmanned “honor” book cart has generated a substantial revenue stream. We still need to establish and promote a weekly or monthly drop-off day for book donations. DCPL cannot handle this for us. We still hope to use the Friends room as a mini used bookstore but we are awaiting the possible book shelves from DCPL when SE branch closes for major renovation.

Music at the Library

We have been able to sell t-shirts at the summer rooftop concerts of DC-based music like Punk and Go Go. This, too, has been a good fundraiser and helped us underwrite the concerts to pay the musicians.

DC Reads

This annual citywide Book Group has been expanded to three titles, and MLK will host a panel with all three authors in winter 2024.

Myrna on Main Street

Board member Myrna Sislen has been working with Marianne's Cafe to film one of her *Myrna on Main Street* episodes. We look forward to that coming to fruition.

Homelessness Conference 2024

Followup to our 2014 conference Sanctuary of Mind (report available on our website). Focus will be on mental health. Our board member Ren Lee has generously agreed to work on this with me for spring. Hope to develop a preliminary series of related book and film discussions in order to begin the thinking and conversation more widely.

Teen International Film Fest

Board member Julian Goldstein has done his utmost to jump start this project idea of mine. By contacting embassies about film rights for several films I suggested to him. We also need to reach out to DCPS high schools. We hope to include a possible film-making component for participants.

Membership Committee

DCPL created materials for membership enrollment for National Friends of the Library Month, which was October. Board member membership chair Andrea Rosen and I will be looking at adopting or adapting these materials for our use at MLK.

Board of Library Trustees November Meeting

For those who are interested, the Board of Library Trustees will meet Wednesday, November 29, at 6 p.m. here at MLK Library, 4th Floor. DCPL's Director of Public Safety, Tonya Chapman, will present a Public Safety Briefing. Watch online at the Library's YouTube Channel (the meeting is also recorded for those who are not able to tune in live). The link for the meeting and all supporting documents will be posted at the link below a few days prior to the meeting.

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