Baldwin Public Library
Library Board of Directors

Library Board Meeting

February 20, 2017

Frank Pisano, President
James W. Suhay, Vice President
Bob Tera, Secretary
Ashley Aidenbaum
Sheila Brice
David Underdown

Doug Koschik, Library Director
Baldwin Public Library

Mission
The Baldwin Public Library enriches Birmingham and participating communities by providing opportunities and resources for individuals of all ages and backgrounds to learn, connect and discover.

Vision
The Baldwin Public Library will be an essential resource for the community and its first choice for accessing the world’s knowledge.

Core Values
We are committed to:

♦ Intellectual Freedom
♦ Equitable and Inclusive Access
♦ Education and Learning
♦ Welcoming Environment
♦ Integrity
♦ Partnerships
♦ Excellence

Adopted October 2010
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Baldwin Public Library Board Meeting
Monday, February 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
Rotary Tribute & Donor Rooms

Agenda

The full Board packet is available online at www.baldwinlib.org on the Friday preceding the meeting. This is an open meeting. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Call to order, pledge of allegiance, reading of the Library’s mission statement, and establishment of a quorum.

I. Consent Agenda

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and approved by a roll call vote. There will be no discussion of these items unless a Board member or a citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered as the last item under new business.

A. Approval of January 18, 2017 minutes
B. Approval of January 2017 vendor payments in the amount of $178,503.38, including payments in excess of $6,000
C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of $331,389.05

II. Board Reports and Special Announcements

A. President’s Report
B. Board Comments
C. Introduction of Library Board Student Representative – Glennie Webster
D. Upcoming Events of Interest – Rebekah Craft

III. Board Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee (Jim Suhay). More information about the following motion to be provided on February 20.
   
   Suggested motion: Motion to approve a payment of $16,473 to Library Design Associates to purchase 453 shelves for the Youth Services Department to be paid out of account 972.0000 (Furniture).

B. Building Committee (Jim Suhay), including more information relating to the following suggested motion, which will be provided on February 20.

   Suggested motion: Motion to authorize the Building Committee to have the final authority on whether to proceed with two projects related to the Adult Services Renovation Project: creating a passageway between the Circulation Area and the Birkerts Addition, and opening up the window between the Harry
Allen Room and the Birkerts Addition.

C. Communications Committee (Ashley Aidenbaum)  

IV. Library Report and Renovation Update  

V. Liaisons  

A. Friends of the Baldwin Public Library (Pam DeWeese)  
B. Beverly Hills (Lee Peddie, Beverly Hills Village Council, no report)  
C. Bloomfield Hills (Michael Dul, Bloomfield Hills City Commission, no report)  

VI. Unfinished Business  

VII. New and Miscellaneous Business  

A. Proposed change of metered parking time limit on the south side of Merrill Street.  

Suggested motion: Motion to support The Community House’s proposal to change the time limit on eight parking places on the south side of Merrill between Chester and Bates from two hours to four hours, and to instruct the Library Director to forward this motion to the Advisory Parking Committee.  

VIII. Items Removed from Consent Agenda  

IX. Information Only  

A. Glennie Webster’s application essay and letters of recommendation for the position of student rep on the Library Board  
B. Handout for Maria Williams’s presentation at PEO Chapter R  
C. Eccentric article “Adults learn retirement lessons from each other”  
D. Eccentric article “White House reporter coming to town to promote new book”  
E. Eccentric article “White House reporter talks Trump”  
F. Eccentric article “Baldwin Library Events”  
G. Birmingham Living article “Staff Favorites from 2016”  
H. Birmingham Living article “February Picks”  
I. Eccentric article “Where are best places to raise a family in Michigan”  
J. Eccentric article “Public works projects a boon for city’s long-term finances”  
K. Downtown article “Birmingham looks at municipal year ahead”  
L. Upcoming Events of Interest  

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X. General Public Comment Period

The Library Board values public meetings and welcomes your comments on Library issues. The Board respectfully asks that comments be made as concisely as possible. We welcome your comments but cannot debate items not on the agenda.

XI. Next regular meeting of Library Board: Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Persons with disabilities that may require assistance for effective participation in this public meeting should contact the Library at the number (248) 647-1700 or (248) 644-5115 (for the hearing impaired) at least one day before the meeting to request help in mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Las personas con incapacidad que requieren algún tipo de ayuda para la participación en esta sesión pública deben ponerse en contacto con la oficina del escribano de la biblioteca en el número (248) 647-1700 o al (248) 644-5115 (para las personas con incapacidad auditiva) por lo menos un día antes de la reunión para solicitar ayuda a la movilidad, visual, auditiva, o de otras asistencias. (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964).
1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Pisano at 7:30 p.m.

Library Board present: Sheila Brice, Frank Pisano, James Suhay, Bob Tera, Ashley Aidenbaum, and Student Representative Brigitte Gagnier.

Absent and excused: David Underdown.

Library Staff present: Doug Koschik, Library Director; Rebekah Craft, Associate Director; Paul Gillin, Administrative Assistant; Steve Remenapp and Sarah Bowman, Adult Services Librarians.

Friends of the Library Liaison: Pam DeWeese.

Pisano asked Gagnier to read aloud the Library’s mission statement.

2. **Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the consent agenda.

1st Tera
2nd Suhay

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Pisano, Brice, Tera, Aidenbaum and Suhay.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Underdown.

The motion was approved unanimously.

**Board Reports and Special Announcements:** Pisano thanked Baldwin employees for their assistance with the MLK Breakfast event at The Community House on January 16 and expressed his appreciation to Paul Schutt for the donation of a bench honoring Ashley Aidenbaum. Pisano also expressed gratitude to Janet Francis and everyone who has contributed to the Paul Francis Endowment Fund for Staff Appreciation. Funds from Janet Francis and the Paul Francis Endowment Fund paid for the annual staff party on January 13. Pisano acknowledged the employee anniversaries shown on page 27 of the January Board packet. Pisano introduced two new employees: Steven Remenapp and Sarah Bowman, each of whom provided a brief statement about themselves and their responsibilities at Baldwin. (See page 28 of the January Board packet).

Craft highlighted a few of Baldwin’s upcoming events, details of which can be found on page 66 of the January Board packet.
3. **Board Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee:** Tera reported that the Finance Committee met on January 9, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Koschik provided an update on the FY 2016-2017 budget, which continues to track well. The complete report of this meeting can be found on page 12 of the January Board packet. Pisano expressed his appreciation to Suhay for his work on the financials associated with Phases 2 and 3 of the long-range building plan.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

**Building Committee:** In December Suhay had talked about the Building Committee meeting held on December 19, 2016 (see page 15 of the January Board packet), so he focused his remarks on the minutes of the most recent meeting, which was held on January 4, 2017. Minutes of this meeting are on page 16 of the January Board packet. Koschik then gave a PowerPoint presentation that described progress on the Adult Services renovation and outlined Baldwin’s long-range building plan and its costs. Koschik will give a similar presentation at the City’s long-range planning session on January 28, 2017. Suhay reminded the Board that no funding decisions will be made at the City’s long-range planning session. Those decisions will come in April or May. Pisano stated his appreciation for the fine working relationship between the Dailey Company, City personnel, and Library staff. Suhay also expressed his appreciation and confidence in the Dailey Company. Koschik echoed the sentiments of Suhay and Pisano.

4. **Library Report and Renovation Update:** Koschik called attention to page 22 of the January Board packet and highlighted some of the key metrics from the first half of the 2016-17 fiscal year. Revenue and expenses are as expected. Circulation has not dropped as much as anticipated, but it is still down considerably because of the renovation. Use of downloadable content has increased, but not as much as anticipated, and website hits have declined considerably. The Library will evaluate possible causes of the drop in website hits. Program attendance has held up well. Social media metrics are up, but below targets in general. Lastly, Koschik mentioned the upgrades to the audiovisual technology in the Rotary Tribute and Donor Tribute Rooms. (See page 31 of the January Board packet.)

Craft called attention to updates on the Teen Advisory Board and home delivery service, as detailed on page 24 of the January Board packet. Suhay asked how the Library advertised the availability of the home delivery service. Craft said that the Library’s website describes the service, that it is advertised at senior centers, and that news is spread by word of mouth. Aidenbaum asked how the Board would hear recommendations from the Teen Advisory Board. Craft said that the Teen Librarian will explore whether there is an opportunity for the teens to present their recommendations to the Board. The complete Library Report can be found on pages 21-34 of the January Board packet.

5. **Liaisons**

**Friends of the Library:** DeWeese reported that the Friends sent out an end-of-the-year letter soliciting donations and memberships, to which they had an excellent response; they finished the year with $19,380 in membership and donations. She also mentioned that the sale of books off the racks in the Circulation area came to $696 in December.

**Beverly Hills:** There was no report.
Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

6. Unfinished Business: None.

7. New and Miscellaneous Business: Brice acknowledged that this was Gagnier’s last meeting and expressed her appreciation for Gagnier’s efforts as student representative during the past year, including her solicitation of volunteers for the Friends’ book sales. She also thanked Gagnier for publicizing the position to prospective new candidates.

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: No items were removed.


10. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

1st Suhay
2nd Brice

Yeas: Pisano, Brice, Tera, Aidenbaum and Suhay.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: Underdown.

The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. The next regular meeting will take place on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

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300 W. Merrill Street  
Birmingham, MI 48009

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I hereby certify that each of the above invoices are true and correct.

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Executive Library Director

**Allowance of Vouchers**

The Library Board of Directors of the Baldwin Public Library has examined the claims listed on the foregoing Register of claims and except for claims not allowed as shown on the Register such claims are hereby approved and dated in accordance with MCL 397.210a and the Birmingham City Charter.

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Secretary of the Baldwin Public Library Board
BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee
Building Committee
Communications Committee
February Finance Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board’s Finance Committee met on Monday, February 13, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. in the Delos Board Room. Present were Jim Suhay, Doug Koschik, and Rebekah Craft.

- Koschik gave an update on the FY2016-17 budget. After seven months, the budget is tracking well. In January a payment of $119,666 was made to The Dailey Company for renovation expenses.
- Koschik presented a draft of the FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 budgets. The proposed budgets, covering the next two years, include funding of 0.31 mill in FY 2017-18 for the second year of the Phase 1 renovation project and approximately 0.30 mill in FY 2018-19 to begin pre-funding Phase 2 of the Library renovation plan. In addition, funding is included for replacement of furniture in the Grand Hall and Jeanne Lloyd Room and replacement of carpet in the Grand Hall and second floor of the Library. The proposed budgets will be presented to the Library Board in March. Koschik and Craft will meet with Joe Valentine and Mark Gerber on March 2 to discuss the budget.
- Craft discussed January Trust expenditures with the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library’s funds.
- Koschik reported that Darlene, Koschik and Bob Tera reviewed the FY 2015-16 IRS 990 form for the Baldwin Public Library Trust. Plante & Moran had filled out this form. As Secretary, Tera signed the form. It has been submitted to the IRS.
- The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, March 13, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.
This report references the Revenue and Expense Report 2016-17, found on the following page. At 58.3% of the way through fiscal year 2016-2017, the Library has spent 35.4% of its budget and received 85.6% of its revenue. By this point of the year, the Library was budgeted to have spent 36.8% of its budget and to have received 85.3% of its revenue. Payment was made to The Dailey Company for work completed on the AS Renovation ($119,665.80).

Vendor payments in excess of $6,000:
  - Baker & Taylor Books $15,394.69
  - Dailey Company $119,665.80
Total vendor payments in excess of $6,000 $135,060.49

Balance of vendor payments less than $6,000 $43,442.89
Total vendor payments $178,503.38

City of Birmingham allocations:
  - Payroll Period 12/18-12/31 $65,621.15
  - Payroll Period 1/1-1/14 $67,445.35
  - Employee Health Care Payroll Deduction ($551.40)
  - Fixed Past Retirement Cost $2,860.83
  - Fixed Past Retirement Health Care Cost $9,333.91
  - ICMA 401A Forfeiture ($917.40)
  - BS&A Software Charge $248.19
  - Administrative Services $8,740.83
  - MML Insurance Premium $380.83
  - Credit Card Processing Fee $248.38
Total City of Birmingham allocations $153,410.67

Reconciling Adjustment:
  - Trust Donation Credit Card Charges-Transferred to Trust ($525.00)

Total expenses for the month $331,389.05
## REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT 2016-17

### JANUARY 2017

### 7th Month

58.3% of the year

### Revenues

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### Expenses

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 2.1.2017

RE: BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

Subject: Baldwin Public Library Building Committee

The Baldwin Library Building Committee meeting was called to order by Doug Koschik at 4:30 p.m., in the Delos Board Room.

Present were:
Baldwin Public Library Building Committee members: Jim Suhay, Dave Underdown, Frank Pisano
Baldwin Public Library staff: Doug Koschik, Rebekah Craft
Luckenbach Ziegelman Gardner staff: John Gardner, Karen Swanson
One member of the public

I. Approval of minutes of previous committee meetings.
   1. In a motion made by Pisano and seconded by Underdown, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the Building Committee’s January 4 meeting.

II. Progress report on construction project
   1. Change order requests – The Dailey Company has submitted seven requests to date, totaling $43,111. LZG, the City of Birmingham, and the Library have approved all of them. They cover the following:
      - Removal of security gate.
      - Relocation of water pipes in former study rooms and microfilm room.
      - Ceiling revisions and modifications to fire suppression system in ceiling.
      - Update of floor receptacle boxes.
      - Revisions to walls in computer lab and makerspace.
      - Plaster repair and addition of bulkhead to accommodate glass walls in computer lab & makerspace.
      - Relocation of ductwork in corridor leading to Youth Room in order to accommodate new lights.
   Future change order requests will probably include:
      - Installation of ventilation pipe in makerspace.
      - Repair of leaks in existing windows by loading dock.
   2. Computer lab and makerspace – Plans have been developed for adding a ventilation pipe in the makerspace for the new laser cutter, and bringing an HVAC vent in from the Circulation Room to provide adequate heating and cooling. The Library has selected a 65” monitor for the computer lab and will purchase a mount to hang the monitor on in the southwest corner of the computer lab.
   3. Birkerts roof – The final leak in the roof was repaired on February 1. Building Supervisor Bruce Johnson has recommended to City Manager Joe Valentine that the roof be replaced in FY2017-18.
   4. Floor cracks – Desai/Nasr, structural engineers, have examined the cracks in the Birkerts Addition. The building meets both the 1981 and present-day codes for weight limit per square foot in a library. The final report is expected to be delivered by February 6.
   5. Project timeline – The Dailey Company is expected to deliver an updated timeline once the lighting company confirms the ship date of light fixtures.

III. Future meeting date: The next Building Committee meeting will be on March 1 at 4:30 p.m.
February Communications Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board’s Communications Committee met on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in the Delos Board Room. Present were Sheila Brice, Ashley Aidenbaum Doug Koschik, and Rebekah Craft.

- The Committee discussed the Library’s website and developed a plan for short-term improvements to the site, including updating pictures and removing outdated information.
- Due to various issues with the current site, including poor site navigation and lack of space to promote upcoming events, the Committee suggested that the website be overhauled to better serve the needs of patrons and Library staff. Koschik and Craft will prepare an RFP for bids to redevelop and redesign the Library’s website.
- The Committee discussed organizational changes to the website and Craft will work with the web team to update photos and navigation on the site.
- The Committee would like to explore adopting an updated logo to roll out later this year.
- The next meeting of the Communications Committee will be on Tuesday, March 7 at 8:00 a.m.
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### Strategic Plan Status Report

#### Key Metrics Dashboard: January 2017

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Strategic Plan Status Report

Comparisons of actual results to projections are made on a quarterly basis—in the months of October, January, April, and July.

Services and Programs
Strategic goal: Focus on fresh, dynamic services, and programs that meet Library users’ changing needs.

MLK Day Celebration Breakfast
On January 16, Doug Koschik, Rebekah Craft, Stephanie Klimmek (Head of Youth Services), and Board Members David Underdown, Bob Tera, Jim Suhay, Ashley Aidenbaum, and Sheila Brice attended the annual Martin Luther King Day breakfast sponsored by the Diversity Task Force. Youth Services provided a display of books and a bibliography devoted to celebrating diversity.

Financial Times Print Subscription
As of February 28, our newspaper delivery service will no longer be delivering print copies of the Financial Times to our area. Josh Rouan has placed a sign behind the Financial Times letting patrons know that our last issue of this paper will be February 28.

Makerspace Naming Competition
The Library is hosting a naming competition for our new makerspace. The contest is advertised on page 7 of our Newsletter and we have placed fliers throughout the Library. We are accepting
naming submissions through April 3. Michelle Hollo created the flier and submission slips for the contest.

**Everyone's Reading: Once in a Great City**

Everyone's Reading is a community-wide reading program sponsored by the MetroNet Library Consortium and several Detroit area libraries. The purpose of the program is to promote community dialog through the shared experience of reading and discussing the same book. The featured author for Everyone's Reading 2017 is David Maraniss. Mr. Maraniss is an associate editor at the *Washington Post* and has written several *New York*

Mr. Maraniss will be speaking and signing books at The Community House in Birmingham on May 22 at 7:00 p.m., at The Detroit Institute of Arts on May 23 at 11:00 a.m., and at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield on May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Doug Koschik will be leading a book discussion of the featured title, Once in a Great City, on May 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the Library. The Library will be hosting several events this summer to commemorate the 50th anniversary of civil unrest in Detroit.

Open House and Ribbon Cutting for Adult Service Renovation
The Library is planning to host an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the new Adult Services Renovation. This open house will be held on Sunday, June 11. A small committee has formed to plan the event.

Financial Stability
Strategic goal: Develop and implement a solid financial plan that maximizes existing resources and actively pursues cost efficiencies and additional revenue streams.

FY 2017-18 Budget
Koschik and Craft will meet with City Manager Joe Valentine and Mark Gerber to discuss the FY 2017-18 budget on March 2.

Long-Range Planning Session
The City’s long-range planning session was at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 28, at City Hall. Koschik gave a ten-minute presentation that included an update on the Adult Services renovation project as well as the proposed second and third phases of the Library’s long-term building vision.

Books & Bites Event
Koschik and Craft are working with a small committee of local residents to plan a fundraiser and 90th anniversary celebration of the Library’s building. The fundraiser will be held the second or third Friday in November and the theme will be “1927”—the year the original building opened. Committee members include Janelle Boyce, Michelle Hollo, Karen Rock, Missy Mark, Frank Pisano, Robert Whittington, and Jenny Wheeler.
Marketing and Public Relations

Strategic goal: Improve marketing tools to ensure that the community is more aware of what the Baldwin Library has to offer and comes to view the Library as its first choice for accessing the world’s knowledge.

New Releases and Upcoming Events
Paul Gillin, Administrative Assistant, continues to send a list of upcoming events to local media contacts twice per month.

Craft submitted press releases about programs and events to local media outlets. Press releases included:
- Learning in Retirement: Lifelong Learning at the Baldwin Library
- Baldwin Library Hosts Photography Exhibit Every Child is a Work of Art
- Celebrate Black History Month at the Baldwin Public Library
- Baldwin Library Offers Unlimited Access to the *New York Times*
- Amazing Animal Athletes and More at the Baldwin Library

eNewsletters
Bart Gioia, Computer Trainer, continues to compile and distribute the Library’s four monthly eNewsletters (Adult Events, Teen Events, Youth Events, and Library Board News).

Marketing
Michelle Hollo continues to work with Rebekah Craft designing projects and marketing materials for the Library. She created materials to advertise our Makerspace naming competition and will be creating materials to advertise our upcoming Open House on June 11.

Personnel and Organization

Strategic goal: Provide the most effective governing framework, and maintain a flexible, efficiently organized management structure staffed by multi-talented professionals with active support from well-trained volunteers.

Communications with Staff
A staff talk was held on January 19 as a follow-up to the January Library Board meeting.

An all-staff meeting was held on February 7. Doug Meyers of the Dailey Company fielded questions about the renovation project. Koschik gave a PowerPoint update about progress on
the project as well as about plans for Phases 2 and 3 of the building renovation. Stephanie Klimmek discussed the Library’s Battle of the Books and Birbery programs, and Josh Rouan discussed the Library’s new access to the *New York Times*.

Koschik and Craft hosted staff tours of the renovation area on February 14 and 15.

*Volunteer Hours*
96 volunteer hours were utilized in the month of January.

*Staff Updates*
Theresa Hart, Circulation Assistant I, reached 21 years of service on February 12.
Maria Williams, Head of Adult Services, reached 4 years of service on February 1.
Dennis Kabel, Circulation Assistant I, reached 4 years of service on February 4.
Chris Lopez, Technical Services, reached 2 years of service on February 16.

In February, Baldwin hired a new substitute librarian in the Youth Services department. Wesleyann Johnson received her Bachelor’s degree in History from the University of Michigan-Flint, her Master’s degree in History from Madonna University and her Master’s degree in Library and Information Science from Wayne State University. She currently works at the Troy Public Library as a part-time youth librarian and at the Center Line Public Library as a program coordinator.

**Community Relationships and Partnerships**

*Strategic goal: Strengthen relationships with stakeholders and expand partnership opportunities with community organizations for everyone’s mutual benefit.*

*City of Birmingham*
Koschik has attended weekly City of Birmingham staff meetings. Craft submitted content to the City of Birmingham for inclusion in its monthly *Around Town* email newsletter.

*Beverly Hills*
Craft submitted information to the Village of Beverly Hills for inclusion in its weekly email newsletter.

*Bingham Farms*
Craft submitted information to the Village of Bingham Farms for inclusion in its quarterly newsletter.
**Bloomfield Hills**
The number of Bloomfield Hills residents registered at Baldwin now stands at 1,404. Bloomfield Hills residents checked out 1,731 items in January.

**Birmingham Next**
Rebekah Craft continues to host the Popular Reads monthly book club at Next. Bart Gioia, Technology Trainer, is hosting computer classes on Mondays at Next through May 2017, while the Library’s computer lab is unavailable due to construction.

Koschik attended a Boomer Summit planning meeting on February 2.

**Birmingham All Seasons**
Lauren Ziolkowski, Adult Services librarian, is facilitating a monthly book club at All Seasons, the independent senior living facility in Birmingham.

**Baldwin House**
Steve Remenapp, Adult Services librarian, is facilitating a monthly book club at Baldwin House, a senior living facility in Birmingham.

**Cedarbrook of Bloomfield hills**
Claire Fielder, Substitute Adult Services librarian, is facilitating a monthly book club at Cedarbrook, a senior living facility in Beverly Hills.

**Birmingham Rotary Club**
Koschik has continued to attend Birmingham Rotary Club meetings.

**Birmingham Youth Assistance**
Adult Library Vicki Sower continues to attend monthly Birmingham Youth Assistance meetings. The Library is partnering with BYA and the School Community Partnership to host author Michelle Borba, Ed.D. Dr. Borba will speak about developing empathy in children and discuss her book, *Unselfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World*, on March 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seaholm auditorium.

**School Community Partnership**
Rebekah Craft attended the School Community Partnership (formerly CECAC) committee meeting on February 8.
The Community House
William Seklar, President and CEO of The Community House, invited Koschik and Rebekah Craft to participate in The Community House’s television program “Making a Difference at The Community House.” The taping took place on February 13 at the Bloomfield Community Television studio in Bloomfield Township. The program will air on cable TV. In his interview, Seklar asked Koschik and Craft about the Adult Services renovation project as well as new Library programs, services, and fundraising.

Every month, the Baldwin Public Library partners with The Community House Early Childhood Center for outreach story times. Donna Smith and Susan Dion each lead a story time at The Community House for toddlers and preschoolers. The older preschool children come to the Baldwin Public Library once a month and Susan leads a story time for them in our story room, complete with crafts.

Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber
Doug Koschik attended the Chamber’s State of Our Community Forecast Breakfast on February 9. City and Village Managers from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Beverly Hills, Franklin, and Bingham Farms shared updates.

St. James Preschool Story Times
Each February, the St. James Preschool provides artwork for the rotating display on the bulletin in the Youth Room. As a special outreach treat, each St. James Preschool classroom comes to the Library for a very special story time. After the story time, the preschoolers get a chance to see their artwork on display. They also check out books to take back to school.

Birmingham Lions Club
On Wednesday, January 18, Maria Williams, Head of Adult Services, gave a presentation to the Birmingham Lions Club about the Library and its services and programs over their lunch meeting at The Community House. The talk was a general overview and touched on many topics, but special emphasis was placed on the progress of the Adult Services Renovation, and the upcoming visit by David Maraniss as part of Everyone’s Reading 2017.

Books Talks for PEO Chapter R and PEO Chapter BQ
On Thursday, February 2 and Friday, February 16, Maria Williams delivered book talks to local PEO Chapter groups R and BQ, respectively. The groups requested these talks. Featured titles included 15 works of fiction and nonfiction published over the past year. The list of books Maria presented can be found in the Information Only portion of the Board Packet.
Facilities and Technology

Strategic goal: Adapt the existing facility for more flexible use and employ technology more effectively in order to improve internal operating efficiency and better serve Library patrons.

Adult Services Renovation
Information, updates, and pictures of the renovation can be found in the Adult Services Renovation section of the Board Packet.

Sirsi Symphony Maintenance
On Wednesday, January 18, the Library's ILS vendor performed routine maintenance in order to maintain a well-functioning system. The maintenance required the manual suspension of automated daily reports prior to the maintenance, and then report reinstatement after the maintenance work was completed. Maria Williams took care of this. Sirsi handled the actual maintenance work overnight in order to avoid service disruption. The maintenance was completed on time and without issue.

SirsiDynix Upgrade
On Friday, February 17, the Library successfully upgraded its integrated library system (ILS) to SirsiDynix's Symphony software to version 3.5.2, which is the most recent version. Before the upgrade, SirsiDynix backed up the Library's data. SirsiDynix executed the upgrade at 3:00 a.m. Prior to opening to the public, Jamie Richards, IT Coordinator, and Maria Williams, Head of Adult Services, updated all staff and public desk computers. The upgrade fixes several bugs, provides enhanced security, and allows more options for the renewal of materials.

Rotary Tribute and Donor Room Technology Upgrades
The upgrade of the Audio/Visual equipment in the Rotary and Donor rooms was completed on February 3. New projectors and a new control system were installed. The new system allows easier and higher quality connections for staff and patrons as well as better expandability for future upgrades.

Power Outage
On Thursday, February 9, the power went out in the central business district. The Library and surrounding businesses were without power for approximately five hours, from 10:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The Library closed at 1:00 p.m. after the building cooled off due to no heat. IT Coordinator Jamie Richards safely repowered the Library’s servers at 5:30 p.m. that evening.
HVAC Repairs
The power outage affected the HVAC system in the Grand Hall. Temperatures in the Grand Hall dropped from Friday evening through Sunday. On Monday morning, the City’s maintenance department repaired the HVAC system.
Politics & Prosecco with White House Reporter April Ryan

In January veteran White House reporter April Ryan, who serves as Washington bureau chief for American Urban Radio Networks, visited Baldwin to talk about her experience in the White House press corps and to discuss her new book, *At Mama’s Knee: Mothers and Race in Black and White*. The Library opened on a Friday evening especially for the event with Ms. Ryan, and the room was packed.

Local independent bookseller Book Beat, from Oak Park, was on hand to sell Ms. Ryan’s books, and she signed copies and spoke with attendees after her talk.
Corinna Collins, owner of Amalia Bakery in Detroit, shared her knowledge of cupcake decorating with our teens. She brought dozens of cupcakes, tools, and Swiss butter cream. She explained how to use each decorating tip before letting the teens loose to create their own. They had a great time being creative and eating cupcakes!
**Youth Event Photos**

*Cupcake Decorating*
Corinna Collins from Detroit’s Amalia Bakery taught fourth, fifth, and sixth graders how to decorate delicious and beautiful cupcakes. Each participant decorated and got to keep three cupcakes, thanks to the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library.
Miz Rosie

Rosie Chapman, known as Miz Rosie, transformed herself into Madame CJ Walker, at our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration. Thanks to the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library for sponsoring this event.
Family STEM Saturday
Caroline Salucci led families through numerous activities where they experimented and played with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math concepts.

Three Little Pigs STEM Challenge
Can you build a house of straw, sticks, or bricks and have it stand up to the Big Bad Wolf? Well, these first, second, and third graders did! They successfully created structures for their pigs that the Big Bad Hairdryer couldn’t know down.

Thanks for the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library for sponsoring these events.
Project Progress

The wall along the north side of the sorter room was removed. The new replacement wall will now be glass. While renovations are done to this room, Library staff are collecting and manually processing returns through the non-electronic book drop on the exterior wall of the building.
Inside the building, the ceilings are being framed and prepped for drywall installation. Electricians have been working in the building to update the electrical system and fire alarm system and to install new ceiling lights.
On February 13, contractors began preparing for the installation of glass windows on the exterior of the building. The new window frames are being tested and fine-tuned prior to installing the glass.

The walls and ceiling of the computer lab and makerspace have been repaired and the frame for the glass walls and doors have been placed. Electrical wiring, low voltage wiring for Internet access, and a ventilation fan will be installed in the next few weeks.
Contractors have been framing the ceiling in the main entrance hallway. The staircase to the lower level has been intermittently closed off in the last two weeks and patrons have been using the elevator to reach the lower level.

The Construction Collection in the Circulation area has been a big hit with patrons and staff.
Koschik and Craft, as well as Library Board Secretary Suhay are meeting with representatives from The Dailey Company, Luckenbach Ziegelman Gardner Architects, and the City of Birmingham on a weekly basis to discuss issues that arise during the construction process.
Communications Update

Library Patrons

- The Renovation Updates email list now has 114 subscribers. Update #3 was sent on February 3. All Birmingham City Commissioners receive these updates.
- The regular Youth, Teen and Adult eNewsletters for January included a small renovation update along with a photo in each newsletter.
- Photos and brief updates have been added to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as needed.
- The homepage and www.baldwinlib.org/renovation has been updated weekly.

Neighbors & Business Community

- No new updates have been sent.
- Koschik and Craft filmed a session of “Making a Difference at The Community House” with The Community House CEO Bill Seklar on February 13 at the Bloomfield Community Television studio in Bloomfield Township. They discussed aspects of the renovation and shared renderings of the project.
- On January 30, Koschik gave a PowerPoint presentation about the project at the meeting of the Birmingham Rotary Club.

City of Birmingham

- Koschik updates City staff each Tuesday morning at the City staff meeting.

Contract Communities

- Beverly Hills has published one additional renovation update in their Friday eNewsletter.

Friends of the Library

- Koschik gave an update on the project at the February Friends of the Library Board Meeting.

Press

- No press releases have been sent about the project yet. Releases will be sent at milestone moments.
Staff

- Koschik, Craft, Jamie Richards, Maria Williams, and Kristen Tait have been sending updates to staff as needed. Rather than posting information on the Intranet blog each morning, staff has decided to send emails.
- Koschik and Craft conducted tour of the renovated area on February 14 and 15. Eleven staff members took advantage of the tours.
NEW BUSINESS
REQUEST FROM THE COMMUNITY HOUSE
FOR SUPPORT IN CHANGING PARKING METER TIME LIMITS

The Community House (TCH) began fielding complaints from its users a couple of years ago, when the City of Birmingham started to restrict parking on certain nearby blocks to residents only.

The problem grew worse when the City recently implemented its new ADA parking policy, which no longer allows people with a handicap sticker to park on the street without paying the meter, and has stopped the practice of allowing people with handicap stickers to park at yellow curbs.

Some people, especially those who are handicapped or elderly, find it difficult to attend a long program and to have to go out to feed the meter during the middle of the program.

TCH is eager to provide several additional longer-term parking spaces for its patrons. Few seniors stay in the building more than three to four hours.

Therefore, TCH is asking the City to change the time limit on the eight meters on the south side of Merrill between Chester and Bates from two to four hours. The parking limits on the north side of Merrill would remain the same—at five minutes, a half-hour, and two hours.

The Advisory Parking Committee considered this request at its meeting on February 1. A representative from TCH presented the proposal. Library Director Doug Koschik supported it as well, partly in the spirit of being a good neighbor and partly because there are advantages to having some longer-term parking for Library patrons who attend long programs or who choose to study in the Library for an extended period of time.

The Advisory Parking Committee took no action on the request and asked the participants to come back to the Committee with more information. In particular, the Committee asked the Library Director to consult with the Library Board, and asked the Engineering Department to have SP+ run a parking study.

The results of the parking study during the week of February 6-10 are on the following two pages. The areas surveyed were Merrill (between Chester and Bates), Bates (between Martin and Townsend) and Townsend (between Chester and Henrietta). For each of the three times (9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m.) the amount listed tells the number of cars that were parked at meters at that time. The amount in the “More than 2 hours” and “More than 4 hours” columns tells how many cars were at the same meter for more than two or four hours. A survey of Lot 7 (between The Community House and the Townsend Hotel) will be conducted during the week of February 20-24.
Following the parking study results is a map showing the length of metered parking on different blocks in the southwest quadrant of downtown Birmingham.

The Library Director and Management Team support The Community House’s request. If the change is implemented, but proves to cause problems, it could always be reviewed after several months and reversed. Changing the time limit on meters is not a difficult or time-consuming action.
## Community House Meter Survey
Completed by: [SP+ Parking]

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INFORMATION ONLY
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE to Baldwin Public Library Board

Application Form

Please print in ink or return via email delivery

Due: Friday, January 13, 2017

Name: Glennie Webster

Grade: Junior

Age: 16

Address: [Redacted]

City or Village: Beverly Hills

Zip Code: 48025

Email: [Redacted]

Home phone: [Redacted]

Cell phone: [Redacted]

School: Seaholm High School


What school activities and/or classes have you participated in which would qualify you to serve as the Student Representative?

I've been apart of the Seaholm Student Council since Freshman year. Also, I'm a member of the National Honors Society, which I was chosen to be apart of because of my strong academic scores and community service hours. Additionally, I participate in the club "Seaholm Offers Support" with countless hours of community service. I'm also a mentor for the "Make Me a Maple" program at Seaholm where I mentor two Freshman on their entrance to High School. I was nominated by a Seaholm teacher to participate in the Multicultural retreat for my school, showing my ability to connect with my peers at school to better understand my community.

Please list your involvement in non-school activities:

I participate in Soccer year-round (for Club & Seaholm HS). I also competitively ride horses during the school year. In addition, I work as a summer horse camp counselor at Black River Farm and Ranch in Croswell, Michigan. Serving Christ Church Cranbrook, I have been an acolyte there since the 7th grade.

What personal skills and characteristics do you possess that would make you a good representative?

I am extremely hard-working and dependable. I am a friendly and thoughtful person who really cares about my roots in the community. I can put my positive attitude towards aiding the Library Board.

How would you be able to schedule your time to function effectively as a student representative? As this position is very important to me, I would prioritize these Library Board meetings. Also, I would come prepared to these meetings with any and all items I would want to discuss and any items I have been asked to discuss.
Hello, my name is Glennie Webster and I am a Junior at Seaholm High School. I would like to serve on the Library Board as the Student Representative. As the Student Representative, it is my hope to inspire communication between members of the Library Board and the Birmingham area youth. With the connection I have with my peers, I can aide in successfully engaging youth and offer advice as to how youth operate in this day and age.

I am excited to be part of the decision-making process that so shapes our community in a positive way. Personally, I want to greater understand the mechanics of the Board and help with the functioning operations as a part of the local-city government. As I hope to have a future in International Relations, this will present me with firsthand experience with something I truly have a passion for improving the community. Moreover, I will gain valuable insight in areas of leadership and community involvement.

With this great responsibility as the Student Representative, I will demonstrate how I am hard-working, dependable, and a good listener. While attending each meeting, I will offer any and all advice I can that would benefit the Library Board. As a Student Representative, I will encourage my peers to utilize the Library more frequently, whilst looking to the future for improvements to the Library. If I am selected to serve as the Student Representative, it certainly will be an exciting time as Baldwin is currently undergoing renovations. As this exciting new improvement occurs, I wish to shape the youth collusion in this matter.

I would like to thank the Library Board for this incredible opportunity to serve my community. I hope that as you consider who the next Student Representative will be you review my many positive attributes that I will bring to the Library Board.
January 12, 2017

Dear Baldwin Public Library Board:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of Glennie Webster’s application to be a student representative on the Baldwin Public Library Board. I have known Glennie since she was a freshman here at Seaholm and have had her in several classes I teach. Glennie is also a member of the mentoring program for which I am the co-advisor. Over the past several years, I have come to know Glennie as a dedicated, intelligent young woman who genuinely enjoys working with and helping others.

As a student, Glennie is hard-working and thoughtful; she brings to the classroom a quiet but noticeable presence. Glennie carefully considers ideas and problems before she speaks up, and when she does contribute to class conversation, she articulates her point of view clearly and effectively. Her quietness should never be mistaken for shyness: Glennie’s unobtrusive demeanor allows her to listen intently, think rationally, and speak eloquently. These skills have also made her an excellent mentor to the freshmen she’s assigned through our Make Me a Maple mentoring program. Glennie forms relationships with others well, and effectively seeks to make others feel comfortable around her.

I believe Glennie is a particularly excellent choice to be a student representative on the Baldwin Public Library Board because of her passion for reading. As a freshman, Glennie took Seaholm’s Contemporary Literature class—a class designed to promote a love for reading and to provide a time and place to practice daily choice reading. Although it is open to all grade levels, many students wait until junior or senior year to take this elective. Glennie seized her opportunity to take this class on the early side, clearly demonstrating her desire to include daily choice reading as part of the already rigorous curriculum she takes. Her familiarity with current literature will further serve her well in this position.

Undoubtedly, Glennie is exceedingly qualified to be the student representative on Baldwin’s Board. Glennie’s passion for reading, combined with her mature outlook on the world, make her a superior choice for this position.

Sincerely,

Jane M. LaBond
JLaBond@birmingham.k12.mi.us
English Teacher
January 11, 2017

To Who It May Concern:

I would like to recommend Glennie Webster for the Baldwin Library Student Liaison position. Having known Glennie all of her life, I have watched her develop into a well-rounded, thoughtful and considerate individual. She has been consistently involved in soccer since a very young age demonstrating her thoughtful demeanor on competitive athletic teams, most recently as a member of the Seaholm High School Women's JV Soccer Team.

She has excelled as an individual competitor in the sport of Hunter Jumper equestrian - horse back riding. Glennie is a committed participant - training several times a week and is dedicated to the sport not only for her love of animals but the whole experience, including barn responsibilities and horse care that is required of these athletes.

Glennie has been an active participant in her community as well. Since seventh grade, Glennie has been volunteer acolyting (server) at Christ Church Cranbrook (CCC). Each acolyte is required to serve at several services a month by assisting the ministers during the services. She has taken this opportunity to work with and mentor younger acolytes who are new to the program. She also makes time for photography, reading, hiking and running.

Balancing her love of photography, reading, hiking and running, she takes on a rigorous academic schedule at Seaholm High School. Currently, Glennie is taking her 3rd year of French and has taken advance placement (AP) classes in history, Language and Composition as well as honors English 9th and 10th grade. Due to her outstanding organizational skills and strong academic commitment, she has achieved a cumulative 3.8-3.9 grade point average.

I believe Glennie Webster exhibits the qualities and character traits that would benefit any organization and in particular those required by the Baldwin Library Student Liaison position. Therefore, I highly recommend Glennie Webster for this position and endorse her candidacy without hesitation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me at sschulte1@aol.com.

Sincerely,
Susan R. Schulte
Annual PEO Chapter R Book Talk

with Maria Williams
Head of Adult Services, Baldwin Public Library

February 2, 2017

In *Before the Fall*, by Noah Hawley, a plane crash brings people from different worlds together, and coincidences abound. *Dark Matter*, by Blake Crouch, is a sci-fi page-turner about a middling physics professor who wakes up to find that his wife is not his wife and his son doesn’t exist. He’ll stop at nothing to get back the life he lost. *The Woman in Cabin 10*, by Ruth Ware, is a throwback to Agatha Christie. When Lo Blacklock witnesses a shocking event on a cruise, it quickly becomes clear that something is terribly wrong.

Midge Raymond’s glittering debut, *My Last Continent*, is the love story of Deb and Keller, two naturalists studying penguins in Antarctica who can never seem to make the timing work. In *Here I Am*, acclaimed novelist Jonathan Safran Foer returns with the story of a family in crisis. At stake is the very meaning of home and how much life one can bear.

Alice Hoffman’s newest novel, *Faithful*, begins when an ordinary girl’s life is changed by an extraordinary tragedy, and will appeal to adults and young adults alike. *At the Edge of the Orchard*, by Tracy Chevalier, and *Enchanted Islands*, by Allison Amend, are both moving works of historical fiction. In one a family tries and fails to survive on an apple farm in the Black Swamp of Ohio in the 1800s, and in the other an American spinster uproots her life to serve as a WWII-era spy on the Galapagos Islands.

For some more lighthearted reading, look to Curtis Sittenfeld’s modern retelling of *Pride and Prejudice*, the delightful *Eligible*. The Bennets live in a rundown house in Cincinatti, and writer Liz and yoga teacher Jane must return home to run the show while Mr. Bennet recovers from a heart attack. Mr. Darcy gets an upgrade, he’s Dr. Darcy in this version. Also funny yet biting honest is Nathan Hill’s *The Nix*, in which college professor and stalled writer Samuel Andresen-Anderson is forced to help his long lost mother after she assaults a presidential candidate in a Chicago park. And finally, there’s Chris Bachelder’s *The Throwback Special*, a witty and dark story of men who annually reenact an famously brutal play from a 1985 football game. An odd premise, a great read.

Hillbilly Elegy  The Rainbow  Beer Money  Comes and Goes

2016 was a great year for memoirs. J.D. Vance’s debut, *Hillbilly Elegy*, is both the story of his Kentucky relatives - complete with a gun-toting Mamaw - and a rumination on the state of the white working class in America. Thoughtfully and sensitively told, his story has mass appeal. In *The Rainbow Comes and Goes*, CNN anchor Anderson Cooper and his mother, Gloria Vanderbilt, exchange candid correspondence about life, love, and loss. And in Frances Stroh’s *Beer Money*, recently named a 2017 Michigan Notable Book, she tells the story of the rise and fall of her family’s fortune. Ms. Stroh will speak at Baldwin in June, 2017.
Each fall and winter, a group of active adults meets on Wednesday mornings at the Baldwin Library to teach and learn from each other.

Throughout the Learning in Retirement semester, retired, semi-retired and curious participants select a topic to explore and share their findings in a 30-minute class presentation. The winter session begins Wednesday, Feb. 1, and continues each Wednesday morning from 9:45 a.m. to noon through March 29.

This year marks Learning in Retirement’s 11th year at the Baldwin Library. Currently, the group is investigating events, people and things that have influenced history. Lois Frank, who has been a member of Learning in Retirement for ten years, says that the program “presents an opportunity to constantly learn, to research, to write and to pick up some new skills in technology.”

Other participants praise the group for being a supportive, friendly, and happy place to learn and discuss historical, artistic, and present day issues. “The content and information that we cover each semester rivals a college-level course where the students teach each other, but our class includes good snacks, good people, and no exams,” participant Jim Suhay said.

Librarian Vicki Sower, the program’s facilitator, works closely with each participant during the semester to find supporting research and to prepare presentation materials.
"I’m the lucky one," Sower said. "It is exciting to work with a group of people with so much intellectual curiosity and creative energy within our own library environment."

A $50 registration fee includes use of the Rotary Room at the Baldwin Library with multi-media set-ups, weekly continental breakfasts, research assistance, full access to the Library’s collection and databases, and a copy of the current reference book. To join the group, contact Sower at 248-554-4656 or vicki.sower@baldwinlib.org.

The Baldwin Public Library is located in downtown Birmingham at 300 W. Merrill St. The library’s hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The library’s website is www.baldwinlib.org.
April Ryan started reporting on the White House in January 1997, just around the time that former president Bill Clinton began his second term in office.

Over the next two decades, she continued as the first black female reporter covering urban issues from the White House. Next week, the veteran correspondent will be in the Birmingham area to promote her new book, "At Mama's Knee: Mothers and Race in Black and White."

The book includes personal narratives from key figures in the racial debate, including Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Jimmy Carter, Congresswoman Barbara Lee and singer Harry Belafonte. She also talks to Sybrina Fulton, mother of Trayvon Martin, actress Cindy Williams, Congressman John Lewis, and others.

Ryan, a single parent of two daughters, said the book addresses social and racial issues on a number of levels. She also acknowledges the difficulty that America faces in defeating racism.

“When we as a country elected our first African-American president, it felt like there was real change, similar to the way people of color felt after the Civil Rights Movement,” Ryan said. “Then we re-elected him … and it seemed like a confirmation that minorities could achieve anything, even being the president. Black kids didn’t have a role model like that until then, so it gave everyone hope that change was here.”
Yet, she fears much of that optimism was wiped out with the well-publicized shootings involving police officers and young black men.

“It was hard for any of us to believe that these horrific events could happen in this country,” Ryan said. “But they did and they continue to this day, unfortunately.”

Ryan will first team up with Lighthouse of Oakland County for a special luncheon, Friday, Jan. 27, at the Iroquois Club at 43248 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are $75 and $50 for college students and include a delicious lunch and signed copy of Ryan's new book. Reservations can be made at www.lighthouseoakland.org.

She's then partnering with the Race Relations & Diversity Task Force for a speaking engagement at the Baldwin Public Library, set for 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27. This event is free to the public.

Ryan serves as a correspondent for the American Urban Radio Networks. Along with her news blog, “Fabric of America,” she’s able to reach millions of listeners and readers each day.

“I know we all have prejudices,” Ryan said. “But it’s how we deal with them and overcome them that matters. When I meet people and talk about the book, I learn more about how they feel and how they are treated. I’ve learned that we all need to remember to keep our hearts and minds open. It’s not always easy, but it’s worth it.”

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There are 49 seats in the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room, and April Ryan has one of them.

“Third row, smack in the middle,” said the veteran White House correspondent for American Urban Radio Networks. “It was 20 years ago, Jan. 13, 1997, that I first walked into the room … black girl from Baltimore who frequented the areas as a child where Freddie Gray was picked up by the police — sometimes I still go to churches in that area. So coming from that place to the White House, where the world comes and looks at what we’re doing, is nothing short of amazing to me.”

Ryan visited the Metro Detroit area to promote her new book, “At Mama’s Knee: Mothers and Race in Black and White,” which explores race relations in America today through a series of intimate interviews with the Obama family, Harry Belafonte, Hillary Clinton and other cultural icons. On Thursday, she met with a small group at the Cranbrook House to discuss her book, along with the thrill of being a distinguished member of the White House press corps.

Given the multiple platforms of digital and print news, not to mention "alternative facts," Dr. James Denny of Bloomfield Township asked how can the public tell the difference between real news and fake news.

“My concern is that so much is being thrown at the media in general that is slightly false, kind of false, very slanted … that instead of challenging it, you basically start describing it more as entertainment,” he said.
Reporting on the nation’s 45th president is going to prove challenging, Ryan told the group. But she promises that she and her colleagues are up to the task.

“You have to give us a minute,” she said. “Because he’s throwing so much at us, we have to nail it down and make sure what he’s saying isn’t right, before we go out there and say something is a lie.”

White House reporter coming to town

At the same time, there are conversations about the future of the briefing room, and whether it’s going to continue under the new administration. Betty DuBose of Southfield asked Ryan about her outlook regarding President Donald Trump.

“We know Washington and how it typically works,” Ryan said. “This is something totally new and we are taking each moment as it comes. We are prayerful that we stay in that room, but I’ll tell you something — if they try and kick us out, we are going to fight and we are going to fight hard because we are built into the framework of this nation, freedom of the press and the Fourth Estate.”

She then talked about the difficulty in trying to cover the nation’s most powerful public figure, who lately tends to bypass the mainstream media.

“This president will fight with someone on Twitter,” she said. “It’s a new day and a new way of handling this job. He is the president of the United States, and it’s not about me liking it or not — I have a job to do.”
Thursday's meet-and-greet was hosted by Arlyce Seibert, Patricia Batey, Emery King, Latonya Riddle-Jones and Carla Young. On Friday, Ryan was scheduled for a book-signing event Friday evening at the Baldwin Public Library that was organized by the Race Relations & Diversity Task Force.

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BALDWIN LIBRARY EVENTS

A schedule of some events at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill in Birmingham:

Monday, Jan. 23
» Sen. Mike McCready Office Hour, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Board Room.
» Facebook 101 at Birmingham Next, 6:30-8 p.m. Learn the essentials you need to connect with friends and family on the world’s largest social networking website. $5 registration required. Call 249-203-5270 to register.
» Digital Magazines with RBdigital, 7-8 p.m., in the lower level. Get digital magazines in full color with RBdigital (formerly Zinio). We’ll show you how to access your favorite titles and build your library. Bring your device to class.

Tuesday, Jan. 24
» Mother/Daughter Book Club: “Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer,” 7-8 p.m., in the Lower Level. For girls in grades 4-6 and their moms. Books provided by the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. Registration required.

Thursday, Jan. 26
» Cupcake decorating for grades 4-6, 4:30-5:30 p.m., in the lower level. Learn easy techniques from cake decorator Corinna Collins of Detroit’s Amalia Bakery at this mouth-watering program. You’ll leave with a carry-out box of your own creations. Registration required. Registration required.
» Anime Club, 7-8 p.m., in the Lower Level. Join us every month as we watch anime, talk about manga, eat snacks and do other fun activities.

Friday, Jan. 27
» Politics & Prosecco with White House reporter April Ryan, 7-8:30 p.m., in the lower level. Politics & Prosecco with White House Reporter April Ryan - and her new book, “AT MAMA’S KNEE: Mothers and Race in Black and White.”

Saturday, Jan. 28
» Project Kidsight Vision Screening, 10 a.m. to noon, in the Story Time Room. This free vision screening for ages 6 months and up is fast, non-invasive, and has an accuracy rating of 98 percent. Sponsored by the Beverly Hills Lions Club.
» Family STEM Saturday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., in the lower level. Enjoy a morning of fun and innovative Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math activities for the whole family. Registration required.
FOR ADULTS

32 Yolks: From My Mother’s Table to Working the Line by Eric Ripert -- Written with a sense of humor and incredible detail, this memoir is about the kitchen adventures of a French chef, what he learned from everyone who taught him how to cook, and who inspired him to dream big in the restaurant world. Bon Appetit!
- RECOMMENDED BY SUSAN

Before the Fall by Noah Hawley - Media coverage of a tragic air crash escalates into public entertainment in Noah Hawley’s contemporary page-turner.
- recommended by Vicki

Britt-Marie Was Here by Frederik Bachman - Britt-Marie deals with her own lonely circumstances by moving to a community that welcomes her and brightens her life in an endearing, heartfelt way. You will be rewarded by this very charming tale!
- RECOMMENDED BY BARB

Enchanted Islands by Allison Amend - This fictionalized version of the life of the American woman Frances Conway who lived with her husband, Ainslie, in the Galapagos Islands during WWII is a beautifully written story about friendship, love, and what it means to lead a valuable life.
- RECOMMENDED BY MARIA

News of the World by Paulette Jiles - A beautifully written historical novel that chronicles a traveling news teller’s efforts to return a young girl to her surviving distant relatives after her rescue from the Kiowa tribe.
- RECOMMENDED BY LINDA

Surrender, New York by Caleb Carr - Part mystery, part critique of modern policing and use of criminal science, this evocative novel will especially please those who enjoyed Carr’s bestseller The Alienist.
- RECOMMENDED BY KRISTEN

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Hippopotamister by John Green - This entertaining graphic novel, filled with vibrant illustrations, is about a hippopotamus who leaves the zoo to try living outside of his comfort zone.
- RECOMMENDED BY CAROLINE

Gertie’s Leap to Greatness by Kate Beasley - Gertie is an awesomely real and remarkable character who deals with tough issues with completely honest and true reactions. This is an uplifting and heartwarming book that will make you feel good!
- RECOMMENDED BY STEPHANIE

One Half from the East by Nadia Hashimi - A gripping and fascinating story of “bacha posh,” a little know action taken by some families in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iran when a prepubescent child is made to disguise herself as a boy in order to bring respect and good luck to her family.
- RECOMMENDED BY DONNA B
FOR ADULTS

*The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant - I enjoyed this retelling of the biblical story of Dinah and her family from a feminist perspective. Not only does it give voice to the silent women of the Bible, but it weaves in a lot of interesting historical details about daily life in the ancient Middle East. - RECOMMENDED BY SARAH

*America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie - Hamilton-obsessed readers will love this well-researched and beautifully written novel about Patsy Jefferson and the significant role she played in her father's life. -RECOMMENDED BY SUE

*Belgravia* by Julian Fellowes - This melodramatic story from the creator of Downton Abbey is set in a similar time period and is perfect for fans who loved the television series. -RECOMMENDED BY PHEBE

*The Trespasser* by Tana French - Tana French's Irish police procedurals just keep getting better and better. *The Trespasser* is a noir-ish consideration of the moral compass of good cops and bad cops and sometimes the lines blur. -RECOMMENDED BY DONNA

*Summerland* by Elin Hilderbrand - After a graduation night car crash leaves one teen dead and three in the hospital, the teens and their parents are left wondering why the driver of the car seemed intent on steering the car into the ocean. This poignant story of mother-daughter relationships, secret affairs and unfinished dreams will instantly transport readers to the ocean and beaches of Nantucket. -RECOMMENDED BY SUSAN

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

*This Is Where It Ends* by Marieke Nijkamp - This page-turner for young adults, set in the span of 54 minutes and told from the perspective of four different people, will keep you on the edge of your seat until the last page. -RECOMMENDED BY ELISABETH

*Be Light Like a Bird* by Monika Schroder - Twelve-year-old Wren is taken out of school again and again as her mother moves her from one state to another after the unexpected death of Wren's father. This is a fantastic story about how to deal with losing a loved one. -RECOMMENDED BY DONNA

*There Is a Tribe of Kids* by Lane Smith - A Smack of Jellyfish, A Crash of Rhinos, A Turn of Turtle. Few words and great illustrations allow readers to make up stories about what is happening on each spread of this book. - RECOMMENDED BY JOCELYN

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There Is a Tribe of Kids
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Michigan: A great place to buy a car and a great place to raise a family.

A new ranking by WalletHub lists Beverly Hills and Birmingham among the top 10 communities in Michigan to raise a family. The personal finance website compared 104 cities in the state across 21 key metrics, ranging from schools to family to housing affordability.

"Michigan is among the states with the highest concentration of two-parent families, so we wanted to see what makes the state such a magnet for that," WalletHub analyst Jill Gonzalez said.

Some of those factors include the state’s abundance of fresh water, tourist attractions, the University of Michigan being named the fourth best public university in the country and Michigan ranking No. 12 among states for tech employment.

In comparing communities, Beverly Hills (No. 3) has the lowest violent-crime rate per 1,000 residents in the state. The village also has the lowest share of families living below the poverty line, 0.5 percent, which is nearly 97 times lower than in Benton Harbor, where almost 65 percent of the households receive food stamps.
Beverly Hills Village Manager Chris Wilson said it's the residents that can really set a place apart.

"There are a lot of amenities that make a community a great place to raise a family … from schools to infrastructure to parks and libraries and many others," Wilson said. "The most important amenity, however, are the people of a community. Beverly Hills is a great place to raise a family, not just because of great schools, parks, public safety and reliable infrastructure, but most importantly, because of the good and caring people who live here."

Birmingham (No. 9) also scored well across the board in terms of housing prices, family income, schools and recreation.

"There is no question that Birmingham is one of the best cities to raise a family when considering it has a strong school district, a progressive library and cultural institutions, an abundance of family events and activities, 230 acres of public parkland, very low crime and a variety of housing options," City Manager Joe Valentine said. "All of this, combined with a focus on community mobility and vibrant business districts, makes Birmingham the top pick, in my opinion."

WalletHub publishes a wide variety of rankings throughout the year, with topics ranging from best and worst cities, school districts, tourist attractions and divorce rates. In terms of best places to raise a family, here are the site's top 10 communities in Michigan:


Novi Mayor Bob Gatt was pleased to hear his city scored well.

“It's a great place to raise a family because of the diverse and welcoming neighborhoods, excellent schools and a public safety department that works proactively with the community to keep it safe,” Gatt said.

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Public works projects a boon for city's long-term finances

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The old adage that you need to crack a few eggs to make an omelette is working out well in Birmingham.

While a number of communities across Michigan are financially strapped, Birmingham is so flush with cash that it might need to spend some. By 2020, the city's unassigned fund balance is projected to exceed $16 million or nearly 50 percent of its projected $34 million general operating budget.

Birmingham’s fund balance policy states the city’s unassigned fund balance should be maintained between 17 percent and 40 percent of the operating budget. Consequently, auditors are recommending that city officials spend some of the money to bring the fund balance back within the targeted range.

During a long-range planning session held Jan. 28, Timothy St. Andrew with Plante Moran said the city might want to consider investing some of the money in a one-time expenditure, such as funding pension or health care obligations.

“I don’t think that’s a bad thing by any stretch,” St. Andrew said about the fund balance. “It’s more of an opportunity to invest in something.”
The Birmingham City Commission holds the long-range planning session each January to allow city department heads to go over their goals for the next several years. It essentially covers everything, from sewers and roads to housing permits and recycling bins.

How does a city like Birmingham manage to stay ahead of the game while other municipalities struggle? It boils down to one word: Reinvestment.

**Streetscapes and sewers**

Over the next several years, Birmingham plans to spend upward of $10 million on infrastructure upgrades in the Central Business District. The project, which involves road, sewer and streetscape improvements, kicks off in the spring with the reconstruction of South Old Woodward, from Oakland to Brown Street.

“It’s shaping up to be the most complex project I’ve ever been involved in,” City Engineer Paul O’Meara said about reconstructing Old Woodward in the heart of the downtown.

In addition to that project, O’Meara outlined several major and local road improvements in the works. Plus, his department is spearheading a massive endeavor to reline backyard sewer lines in three major subdivisions on the city’s west side to extend their service life for years to come.

Planning Director Jana Ecker said bid requests will be going out soon to hire a consult for the updating of the city’s five-year master plan. She also outlined efforts to upgrade the city’s alleys and passages to make them more pedestrian-friendly.

**Walk this way**

Birmingham has five public parking decks containing a total of 3,500 parking spaces and also has 1,230 parking meters. It was made clear Saturday that more spaces are needed to accommodate the downtown demand for parking.

Ecker noted that all five decks have been filled on a number of occasions, forcing drivers to either wait for an open spot or find somewhere else to park. There’s also a waiting list for the monthly parking permits that are used by store merchants and office workers.

To remedy the overflow in the short term, the city has offered free rooftop valet parking in the North Old Woodward structure. Doing so allows for the stacking of cars on the top floor to carve out an additional 50 spaces. The city also increased the rates in 2016, which has led to a decrease in waiting times.

*(Story continued below photo)*
Birmingham officials are considering more crosswalks for Woodward, along with the possibility of lowering the road's speed limit. (Photo: Junfu Han | Staff Photographer)

In the long term, the city is deciding whether to expand or even replace the North Old Woodward parking deck. The city also plans to capture future tax dollars in the Triangle District that's bordered by Maple, Adams and Woodward to build a parking structure on the east side of Woodward.

In terms of walkability, Ecker said adding a crosswalk in the area of Oak Street and Woodward is a top priority. Birmingham has five crosswalks between 14 Mile and 15 Mile roads along Woodward, but only one north of Maple.

“It's shameful, frankly, that in such a wonderful town we can't cross Woodward on the north end,” planning board member Scott Clein said under public comment.

Along those same lines, Clein questions why Birmingham cannot get the speed lowered on Woodward from 45 mph to 35 mph. The road is under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Transportation, but other communities such as Ferndale have managed to set a 35 mph speed limit along the corridor.

“It's ridiculous,” he said.

Odds and ends

Officials from SOCRRA unveiled a new 65-gallon recycling bin that's being rolled out to every homeowner in 2017 as part of their planned conversion to a single-stream recycling program, which will allow residents to put all recyclable materials in the larger bin without the need to segregate and sort papers and plastics.
Doug Koschik, director of the Baldwin Public Library, talked about upgrades to the library that have already started with renovations to the Birkerts section, plus plans to continue with improvements to the youth room and lobby in future years. The entire project is budgeted at around $6 million.

Cris Braun, director of Next, said operating hours at the senior activity center have increased over the past year and that membership now exceeds 1,500 people. Braun noted the senior population in the Birmingham area is the sole demographic that’s expected to increase over the next decade.

Looking ahead, she wants to coordinate efforts with neighboring municipalities to explore the possibility of either renovating the existing center on Midvale Street or possibly finding a new location. Either way, she said Next is happy with the current location and that any decision on moving is years away.

Fire Chief John Connaughton said plans are moving forward with the replacement of the Chesterfield Fire Station and that, ideally, the project should be completed by fall 2017. Birmingham Police Cmdr. Scott Grewe said the city’s dispatch system is in the process of being upgraded.

Building official Bruce Johnson said redevelopment continues through the neighborhoods, based on the number of demolition and building permits being pulled for residential construction. Geoffrey Hockman, chair of the Birmingham Shopping District, said office and retail spaces in the downtown are at near full occupancy.

Looking ahead, Hockman said the BSD board has an expanded communication plan to assist businesses during downtown construction over the next few years.

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Birmingham looks at municipal year ahead

By Lisa Brody
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02/03/2017 - The Birmingham City Commission held its annual long-range planning meeting on Saturday, January 28, where they discussed upcoming sewer projects, alley maintenance, a citywide master plan update, opportunities for more crosswalks on Woodward, the park's master plan, system updates for the police department, and how the shopping district is planning for upcoming road construction work in the city's downtown.

The long-range planning meeting is an opportunity each year for the city's department heads to come before the commission and describe what they have been doing in the past year, and what they have planned for the year ahead.

Finance director Mark Gerber, along with Timothy St. Andrew from Plante & Moran, presented a five-year financial forecast. St. Andrew said the estimated increase in state equalized value for homes is 3.5 percent, which is expected to exceed the rate of inflation, and warned to expect Headlee rollbacks on the millage rate over the next five years.

Gerber said the city's general fund will see a dip between 2016-2018, driven by capital projects, primarily major road construction projects, on Old Woodward in 2017, Maple Road in the downtown area in 2019, and later again, on S. Old Woodward in 2021. "There will be an increase to the general fund in 2021, driven by an increase in taxable values, as we expect building to continue."

City manager Joe Valentine said the information would help staff and the commission to allow for budgeting in future budgeting meetings.

Regarding road construction projects, city engineer Paul O'Meara said the upcoming Old Woodward road reconstruction project, between Willits and Brown streets which is projected to begin in mid-March, "is shaping up to be the most complex project I've ever been involved with," noting it is the heart of downtown Birmingham, and will include a short area of Maple to Pierce Street, to correct grading issues. The majority of construction work will take place between May and September of 2017.

Other road construction projects for this year include Oak Street by Quarton School, completing the Oak Street project from last year, to include a new drop off area at the school; and Poppleton Street adjacent to the Kroger at Maple and Woodward. There will also be resurfacing many dead end streets along with performing routine maintenance on other streets. In addition, $25,000 has been budgeted for minor repairs and patching to alleys, which will largely go to the Willits Alley, "which has become a safety hazard," O'Meara said, "we're going to try to improve that."

Another alley in disrepair, the Pierce Street Alley behind Churchill's, he said, " HAS not been maintained. We have talked to several business owners to have a special assessment district, and there just is no interest, so it's in a holding pattern. Staff does not feel it can initiate this, especially this year, with the Old Woodward construction."

Mayor Mark Nickita asked, "Where do we see the alley initiative going forward, and where do we want to prioritize it? Do we want to budget for it? I'm not sure all the stakeholders are aware of the importance of them in the master plan."

"Maybe we should devise an ordinance for the alleys, for maintaining them," Valentine said.

Planner Jana Ecker said they have a via overlay plan with some ordinances, to which Nickita said the Birmingham Shopping District (BSD) needs to create more awareness and enforcement.

Geoff Hockman, board chair for the BSD, explained that a strategic plan update conducted this past fall surveyed business owners, office workers and retailers, along with new and established property owners, revealed they do need to increase their communication among all of their stakeholders, as well as being the catalyst for engaging them in the city around issues such as construction activities and parking.

During the upcoming construction season, with a main artery of the downtown area under construction, the BSD has a number of measures planned to assist businesses in order to have shoppers continue to patronize the downtown during and after the project. The BSD board authorized additional expenditures to support the activities, including merchant e-blasts, a themed advertising campaign, free valet parking, enhanced signage and lighting, and
Ecker of the planning department said a citywide master plan update is in the budget for this year, as the last comprehensive master plan for Birmingham took place in 1980, and the 2016 Plan is almost completed. She said there is $80,000 in the budget for a request for qualifications (RFQs) for the master plan, which will then lead to request for proposals (RFPs). "We're looking for a draft of how they would review and update our existing land uses and patterns, as well as future land uses, then we would take it before the community, with a full engagement plan, workshops, charrettes," she said, noting that it would be important to include updated infrastructure needs and future needs, as well as multimodal infrastructure, shared parking, and emerging innovative technologies.

"As a planning board, this is the single most important thing we should be looking at," said Scott Clein, Birmingham planning board chair. "We are finding inconsistencies and things that are not working out the way we thought they should. After 37 years, this needs to be done."

In addition to the master plan update is a parking enhancement plan which would seek a RFQ for the N. Old Woodward/Bates Street parking and site development in order to review the requirements for both private and public property, and the city is seeking a developer to redevelop the approximately four acres of public land to include the extension of Bates from Willits to N. Old Woodward. "We're looking for recommendations for private developments and on site residential," she said, noting she estimated it would be about a year-long process, resulting in the development of a parking structure, provide a minimum of 1,150 parking spots, the development of infill residential, the development of an activated pedestrian-oriented urban streetscape, and provision of public access to the Rouge River and Booth Park.

Ecker also said the planning department this year would work with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to redevelop the Oak and Woodward intersection to create a cross walk across Woodward. "This may be one of our top priorities," she said.

Public Services director Lauren Wood explained this year the parks and recreation master plan is scheduled to be updated and submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The master plan serves as a guide to future park planning opportunities and development needs, and allows the community to determine not only current, but also future community needs, she said. The process will begin with their February meeting.

The Birmingham Police Department reported it has entered into an agreement with Oakland County to replace its current 911 equipment with the next generation 911 system, part of a multi-jurisdictional agreement involving all public safety answering points in Oakland County, which the city commission approved in September 2016.

The Birmingham Fire Department reported they are proceeding with plans on the new Chesterfield Fire Station.
Upcoming Events of Interest

Goodreads 101
*Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. Registration required.*
Goodreads is a tool to keep track of what you want to read and to review books you've already read. A Librarian will get you started.

Howell Nature Center Presents "Amazing Animal Athletes"
*Thursday, February 23 at 10:30 a.m. Registration required.*
Join us as we commemorate the Rio 2016 Summer Olympic Games. Real animals will be featured to compare/contrast human feats with animals' physical feats of strength, flexibility, and more.

Book Club Boot Camp
*Monday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. Registration required.*
Get the tools for a great book club and learn book selection tips, discussion techniques, and great resources for finding questions. Bring a list of books your club has read.

Exam Cram
*Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5 – All Day*
Looking for a place to study? We will provide drop-in study space, drinks and snacks to help you ace your big exams.

Blackthorn: An All Ages Concert
*Monday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. Registration required.*
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Celtic music performance by the popular local band, Blackthorn. All ages are welcome.

Long Road to Hard Truth, with Judge Robert L. Wilkins
*Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.*
Hear U.S. Circuit Court Judge Robert L. Wilkins share the history behind the creation of the National Museum of African American History and Culture as he discusses his new book Long Road to Hard Truth. The Book Beat of Oak Park will be selling copies of Long Road to Hard Truth and Judge Wilkins will be signing books after his lecture.

Dr. Michelle Borba, author of Unselfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World
*Moms Book Club - Unselfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World*
*Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. Registration required.*
Enjoy a relaxing night of conversation and book discussion with other moms. Registration required. Books are a gift from the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library.

Raising Empathetic Children with Jessica Cortez, LMSW
*Monday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. Registration required.*
Jessica Cortez, LMSW, will give tips and tricks on raising empathetic children.

Dr. Michelle Borba: at Seaholm High School
*Monday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. Registration required.*
Internationally recognized educator and best-selling author, Dr. Michele Borba, returns to help families continue the journey into empathy. This event is free and open to the public and is held at Seaholm High School. Call Birmingham Public Schools at 248-203-3000 for more information.
Baldwin Public Library Trust Meeting
Monday, February 20, 2017
Rotary Tribute & Donor Rooms
Immediately following regular Board meeting

Agenda

Call to order and establishment of a quorum

I. Consent Agenda
   All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be
   enacted by one motion and approved by a roll call vote. There will be no
   discussion of these items unless a board member or a citizen so requests,
   in which case the item will be removed from the general order of business
   and considered as the last item under new business.
   A. Approval of the January 18, 2017 minutes p. 79
   B. Acceptance of the January 2017 receipts of $1,623.95 p. 86
   C. Approval of the January 2017 disbursements of $5,321.72 p. 87

II. New and Miscellaneous Business

III. General Public Comment Period
    The Library Board values public meetings and welcomes your comments
    on Library issues. The Board respectfully asks that comments be made as
    concisely as possible. We welcome your comments but cannot debate
    items not on the agenda.

IV. Adjournment

The next Trust meeting will be held immediately following the next regular meeting
1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Pisano at 8:47 p.m.

Library Board present: Frank Pisano, Sheila Brice, James Suhay, Bob Tera, Ashley Aidenbaum, and Student Representative Brigitte Gagnier.

Absent and excused: David Underdown.

Library Staff present: Doug Koschik, Director; Rebekah Craft, Associate Director; and Paul Gillin, Administrative Assistant.

Contract community representatives present: None.

Members of the public present: Pam DeWeese.

2. **Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the consent agenda, which included the Trust minutes, and receipts and disbursements.

1st Brice

2nd Suhay

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Pisano, Brice, Suhay, Tera, Aidenbaum

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Underdown.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. **New and Miscellaneous Business:** Pisano noted that the Trust assets outperformed their benchmarks in 2016. He expressed appreciation for donations made to the Trust in December. (See page 76 of the January Board packet).

4. **Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.

1st Tera

2nd Aidenbaum

Yeas: Pisano, Brice, Tera, Suhay and Aidenbaum

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Underdown.
The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 20, 2017.

Bob Tera, Secretary

Date
Baldwin Public Library Trust: January 2017

January receipts totaled $1,623.95. January disbursements totaled $5,321.72.

The current value of the Trust is $1,461,824.08, divided up in the following way:

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#### January 31, 2017

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**Receipt Number Total:** $1,623.95

**Total Amount For This Bank:** $1,623.95
# Check Register

**Baldwin Public Library**

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Birmingham, MI 48009

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**Total Amount of Warrants:** $5,321.72
## Baldwin Public Library: Friends Funds
### January 2017 Expenditures

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**January Book Sale Proceeds** $663.00

Submitted by Rebekah Craft

February 13, 2017