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Our speaker today was **Beth Hatch**, Director of the Upper Arlington Public Library. Beth has been Director of the library since 2019. She presented an outline of the system's plans to implement its master facilities plan.

Each of UA's libraries has one or more characteristics that differentiate it from the others. Tremont has a greater depth of collection and a research department. Lane Road features an early learning center (supported by UA Rotary). Miller Park serves primarily youth and family programming.

Library usage trends reflect changes in the availability and flow of information. In 2019 there were 600,000 in-person visits to the UA libraries per year. Now there are about 450,000 per year. One reason for the difference is the growing prevalence of digital-only visits. There are currently 24,000 active cards in the system but 5,000 of those are remote access accounts. The near total presence of personal digital devices has impacted the number of in-person visits and contributed to a dramatic drop in library computer use. The growth of streaming services has also greatly reduced the number of movie checkouts. Despite these trends, print book checkouts have actually grown over time. Beth partially attributes this to the desire for a tactile experience when reading. Attendance at library programs is also trending upward.

The master facilities plan has been developed with community input at its foundation. That input yielded the following list of items to potentially address:

Maintain warm and inviting spaces; study and meeting space is important; power should be widely available; flexible interior spaces are necessary; spaces for children and families are important; access to collections should be maintained; covered outdoor seating is desirable and business centers would be helpful. The last item (business centers) was a surprise outcome.

Working with the financial support provided by the community, the master facilities plan will work to provide libraries that meet those community needs and desires. The initial focus, however, will be on necessary building infrastructure including a new roof at Tremont and new HVAC systems at all three locations.

Implementation of the plan begins in November with the closure of the Lane Road library until May, 2025 for internal renovations featuring a reconfiguration in keeping with the identified community expectations. Following that, from 2025 to 2028 updates will take place at Miller Park's interior spaces and substantial interior renovations at Tremont Road. Beyond 2028 outdoor space at Miller Park will be planned and potentially developed.

There is currently a public fundraising campaign underway to provide supplemental funds for expanded development in the Lane Road library's youth/children's area. The goal is \$150,000 with about 50% already raised.

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GREETERS

September 10

Robert Hunt
Matt Kirby

September 17

Devon Henry
Jim Manning

September 24

Susan Coady
Alan Thompson

REGISTRATION DESK

September 10

Mike Brady
John Cleland

September 17

Don Leach
Brian Bainbridge

September 24

J.D. Dickerson
Jim Nicklaus

CALENDAR

September 10 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Shelley Brown-Kujkowski,
Salvation Army of Central Ohio
Host: Ted Foster

September 17 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Colleen Marshall, NBC 4
Host: Brad Frick

September 24 - Scioto CC/Zoom

TBA

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OUR NEXT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10TH
Scioto Country Club / Zoom

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Club



THE MEETING



We met at the Boathouse at Confluence Park. President **Angela Lanctot** called the meeting to order and asked **Mike Turnbull** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dave Hammond was recognized for attaining Paul Harris Fellowship +8.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Barri Jones announced a Bed Brigade bed build on September 14. We need five more Rotarians to round out the team.

Mike Kull asked for four or five volunteers to help with the Homes for Families Not. One. Night program entitled "Walk 'n Concert" at Wolfe Park on September 29. The time commitment is from 1:00 to 3:30.

Jack Cotter reminded us of the Rotary Roundtable on September 10 at Waterman Farms. Arrive at the greenhouse by 10:15 AM for the 10:30 program which will conclude in time for the club's regular meeting. Enter off of Kenny Road onto Carmack.

Doug Goddard is contributing three books he authored to the UA Library system. The books, designed for students, will deal with personal financial literacy.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO TUTOR AT WEST BROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

We are still looking for a few good Rotarians to help with one of the most fulfilling service activities that our club performs. We have volunteered as tutors and readers for many years at West Broad Street Elementary and there continues to be a lot of opportunity for us to make a difference for kids that need help learning and crave adult mentors to provide attention. Want to find out more? Contact **Tom Davis** at tfdavis850@aol.com and 614-580-6254.

SORTING OUT WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

Where do your contributions go? There are three main organizations where we as Upper Arlington Rotarians direct our Rotary giving. Sometimes it can be confusing, so here is something to hopefully help keep things straight.

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