Present: Ms. Botnick, Ms. Fluellen, Mr. Mentrek, Ms. Moskowitz, Mr. Roosa, Mr. Tirakhia. Mr. Gerboc was absent.

Also Present: Director Nancy Levin, Deputy Director Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Fiscal Officer Deborah Herrmann, Human Resources Manager Laurie Marotta, members of the Administrative Services Team, Khaliah Fisher-Grace from the League of Women Voters, Susan Janssen from the Foundation, Jeri Waltrip from the Staff Association.

CERTIFICATION AND NOTIFICATION
The Fiscal Officer certified that notification of the meeting of the Board of Library Trustees had been made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes from the September 17, 2018 Regular Meeting were forwarded to board members for review. Mr. Mentrek moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Moskowitz seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – MR. MENTREK

FINANCIAL REPORT
Ms. Herrmann reported the final real estate settlement for the year has been received and the library received $147,003 more than the previous year, and the Public Library Fund revenue from the state has also increased over the previous year by $54,203. She said the library has already received 100% of revenue estimated for the year and expenditures are at 64%.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL & INVESTMENT REPORTS – SEPTEMBER
Mr. Mentrek moved. Ms. Botnick seconded. The financial and investment reports were approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Members of the Operations Committee have met, discussed and reviewed the following items and recommend approval by the Library Board of Trustees:

RESOLUTION 40-2018
APPROVAL OF CREDIT CARD POLICY
WHEREAS the Ohio Legislature has approved and the Governor signed into law House Bill 312 that establishes procedures political subdivisions must follow when using credit cards; and

WHEREAS the bill requires political subdivisions to adopt a policy governing the use of a credit cards specifying seven provisions that must be in the policy including but not limited to;
positions authorized to use a credit card, credit card limits, expenses allowed with a card, management of and payments on the card, procedures to follow when a card is lost and actions that qualify as misuse of a credit card;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland Hts.-University Hts. Library Board of Trustees approve Appendix J. Credit Card Policy that is attached to this agenda and will be posted as part of the Service and Administration Policies of the Library.

Ms. Herrmann said the new policy is required by a new state law regarding governmental use of credit cards.

Mr. Roosa moved. Mr. Turakhia seconded. Resolution 40-2018 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 41-2018
AMENDMENTS TO SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION POLICY

Section IV F – Programming

Programs presented by customers within the library.
Any individual, organization, or group, whether governmental, commercial, or noncommercial, may use the Library's meeting rooms, subject to this policy. The Library reserves the right to refuse a reservation to any group, organization or individual who has failed to comply with the rules and regulations for use of meeting room space established by the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library Board of Trustees.

Granting permission to use Library facilities does not constitute endorsement by the Library of the group or its beliefs.

As public library staff we distinguish between our personal convictions and professional duties and do not allow our personal beliefs to interfere with fair representation of the aims of our institutions or the provision of access to their information resources, including meeting rooms. (American Library Association Code of Ethics)

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights Library has approval over outside advertising for programs held at the library. For additional requirements see Meeting Room Guidelines, Appendix 6.

Appendix 6 – Meeting Room Guidelines

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Permission to use the facility may be withheld from anyone who fails to comply with this Meeting Room Policy.
The Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to alter this policy without prior notice.

The Library will provide upon request the name and phone number of the person and group making the reservation to anyone inquiring about the meeting.

**Non-Profits**

The library reserves the right to limit the times per month any one group may use meeting rooms. Meeting rooms can be reserved up to 90 days in advance.

Ms. Levin detailed the pages where the new language will be inserted.

Mr. Mentrek moved. Ms. Botnick seconded. Resolution 41-2018 was approved by unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION 42-2018
POLICY AMENDMENT REGARDING
POLITICAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS -
SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION POLICY

Section III – Insert after B.

**C. Political Campaign Statement**

Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library does not support, endorse, or advocate the viewpoints or beliefs of any candidate, political party, non-partisan political organization, non-profit group or any other such individual or entity. The library does not allow posting or distributing of any partisan political election or campaign materials within its facilities and does not provide its space for related activities except in the case of non-partisan materials or forums as may be approved by the Director.

Mr. Mentrek moved. Ms. Botnick seconded. Resolution 42-2018 was approved by unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION 43-2018
APPROVAL OF PURCHASE
OF OUTREACH & SHIPPING VANS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Library Trustees authorizes the Fiscal Officer to purchase a 2015 Honda Odyssey EX, 5 door minivan from Motorcars Honda of Cleveland Heights for the amount of $22,577.50, a General Fund expense.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Library Trustees authorizes the Fiscal Officer to purchase a 2015 Ford Transit, from Valley Ford, 5715 Canal Road, Cleveland Ohio, 44125 for the amount of $17,173.50, a General Fund expense.

Ms. Levin said both vehicles are used and before staff can drive the Outreach Van their driving background will be checked and they will attend a training class. She said it will be a few weeks before it is on the road. Mr. Mentrek asked what happened to the previous shipping van and Ms. Levin said it was traded in.
Mr. Mentrek moved. Mr. Turakhia seconded. Resolution 43-2018 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 44-2018
APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY FUND PURCHASE

WHEREAS the Cleveland Hts. – University Hts. Public Library wishes to upgrade all 285 public computers from Windows 7 to Windows 10; and

WHEREAS the price of $27,688 from CDW-G for the cost of the upgrade is discounted pricing under the U.S. Communities purchasing consortium;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Library Board of Trustees authorizes the Fiscal Office to approve the purchase from the 402 – Technology Fund.

Ms. Botnick moved. Mr. Mentrek seconded. Resolution 44-2018 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – MS. MOSKOWITZ

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. Marotta reported:

Staffing
The October report reflects the addition of the new Community Outreach Associate position that was approved at the September board meeting. We also filled one part time position and had one resignation from full time Technical Services Assistant, Chloe Williams.

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*New to the report this month

Wellness Initiative progress – Library Group Health Insurance
September 30, 2018 ended the Preventive Care campaign. As of a September 5, 2018 report from
ERC we made the participation level for the core requirement and also qualify for a 2% renewal credit. We are just one away from the 3% renewal credit. We will get a final report in the next few weeks. Participation numbers determine our eligibility to remain in the consortium and also receive a renewal credit in 2019. In 2018, we met the 3% renewal credit level. Below is a graphic of our progress as of the date of the report.

Staff Development Day
The library’s annual staff development day occurred on Friday, September 21 and it was a great success once again. Staff Day Committee Chair, Heather Howiler and committee members, Katherine Assink, Charlotte Blasier, Alyse Giannotti, Irene Lanese, Kathy Levine, and Danielle Maynard planned an enriching day for all staff. The day started with Eileen Wilson from Building Hope in the City, who delivered a keynote presentation on the refugee experience entitled *Refugee 101*. Exploring the refugee experience is the topic for this year’s On the Same Page community read. In addition, Staff Day included 14 breakout session offerings (staff had to pick three); most sessions qualified for credit towards their learning/job specific/strategic goals. Those sessions were:

- Adolescent Brain & Behavior
- Heights Libraries Oral History Project
- Adult Services Readers’ Advisory
- NEO-RLS Emerging Tech Lab
- **On the Same Page** Book Discussions – *Exit West & Stepping Stones*
- Importance of Diversity in Children’s Literature
- Local History Resources in the Heights
- Understanding Your Myers-Briggs Personality Type
- Tour of Coventry PEACE Campus
- Meet the Media Labs

Staff also had the option of choosing from three health & wellness related sessions, they were: Overcoming Burnout, Heartfulness Meditation, and Zumba.
Also on Staff Day, the Rewards and Recognition Committee announces and presents the annual employee achievement awards, such as Detlef Fabian, Pat Carterette, Gertrude Kleiner and Rising Star awards, and Gold Star recognitions. Longevity pins are also issued for major milestone seniority dates. The major awards and gold star awards are decided by the staff recognitions, and staff voting. The Rewards and Recognition Committee review the staff recognitions submitted by coworkers through an on-line system. They also review the nominations for the four primary awards, manage the voting process and decide on the Gold Star awards. Because we have so many self-motivated, passionate, hard-working and service oriented employees it is difficult to narrow down the awards to just a few.

This year the awards are as follows:

*Detlef Fabian Award - Ty Emerson, Circulation Services Manager*
*Pat Carterette Award - Talia Linina, Youth Services Associate*
*Gertrude Kleiner Award – Entire Noble Staff*
*Rising Star Award - Greg Osborn, Adult Services Librarian*

Gold Star recipients:
* Doreen Bamanya-Mafigiri *(Fabian runner up)*
* Aaron Arnold *(Fabian runner up)*
* Kim Austin *(Fabian runner up)*
* Colin Tomele *(Carterette runner up)*
* Anne MacNamara *(Carterette runner up)*
* Kornela Bogdanowicz *(Kleiner runner up)*
* Mary Looby *(Kleiner runner up)*
* Sarah Rosenberger *(Rising Star runner up)*
* Charlotte Blasier *(Rising Star runner up)*
* Lacy Dowdin *(Rising Star runner up)*

Longevity Pins
Each year, we use this time to recognize and celebrate staff longevity.

5 Years
Claudette Fowler
Jennifer Hercheck
Rob Hisnay
Dan Krawczyk
Mary Looby
Matt Mancini
Jackie Mayse
Amanie McGee
Hannah Van Jura

10 YEARS – Emerald Pin
John Crick
Baladine Culver
Jenny Greene
Shandra Jackson
Nancy Levin
Jen Mihalik
Barbara Peter-Morris
Don Williams Sr.

15 Years – Sapphire Pin
Laurie Marotta
Cheryl Taylor

20 YEARS – Amethyst Pin
Leroy Hamby III
Michele Graham

25 YEARS – Crystal Pin
Nancy Zelman
Monica Alexander

Feedback from staff about this year’s Staff Day.
Ms. Banks reported:

**Media Highlights**
- Cleveland.com/Plain Dealer article “Heights Libraries update Immigration Task Force on ‘Refugee Experience’” featured quotes from Nancy Levin and info about Noble refugee services and the On the Same page series
- COOL Cleveland website and Twitter account promoted the “All American Boys: Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely” author event; Cleveland heights Patch website also featured
- Sun Press “Press Run” featured programs Financial Literacy for Seniors, Ornithology at the Museum

**Publications/Outreach Highlights**
- Updated voting page on website and put pop-up on homepage about voter registration deadline
- Arranged for voter registration in lobby with local nonprofits NOVA and the Ohio Voter Fund
- Third ad in our “Here for you…” campaign runs in Heights Observer
- New digital streaming services added to website and promoted via social media and home page; created digital collection brochure

**Other Projects**
- Lobby maps created and installed at both entrances of main building.

**FRIENDS REPORT**

Ms. Levin reported the Friends had their 50th annual meeting and Ketti Finneran was re-elected president. She said the Friends donated $35,000 to the library last year.
Ms. Botnick said the library will be meeting with the Shaker Heights Library Board of Trustees for a joint meeting October 29th and she urged people to attend the Foundation dinner on November 11th.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Ms. Levin reported:

**Please attend Honor Roll Dinner on Nov. 11 to celebrate literacy heroes**

You are invited to attend as the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries honors three literacy heroes at its annual Honor Roll Dinner on Sunday, November 11 at 5pm at the Dolan Center-John Carroll University.

Draupadi Pradhan, Suzanne De Gaetano and Rachel Wayne Nelson will be the recipients of the Fund for the Future of Heights Library’s (FFHL) Honor Roll awards, announced Library Director Nancy Levin on Thursday. Nominations were made by the community this summer. Final selections were made by the board members of the FFHL. The honor recognizes those who have made a sustained, outstanding contribution to the Cleveland Heights/University Heights community by promoting literacy or by educating through literacy. The awards were inspired by the Heights Libraries’ mission of “Opening Doors, Opening Minds.” A Door Opener is someone who provides access to education, literature, and opportunity through literacy. A Mind Opener is someone who stimulates the minds of community members through literature and thoughtful discussion, or connections with though provoking ideas or individuals.

Proceeds from this event will fund capital improvements to the library and Coventry PEACE Park. Tickets start at $75 are available at https://ffhlhonordinner.eventbee.com.

**Library Trustee sought to serve 7 year term**

**Applications**

Applications will be available from the Lee Road Administration Office from Oct. 8 until Nov. 19. Call 216-932-3600 ext 1200. Deadline for receipt of completed application is Monday Nov. 19 at 5:00 pm.

**Information night**

All perspective applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an information meeting on Wednesday, November 14, at 7:00 pm, at the Lee Road Branch, Administration Office Conference Room, 2nd Floor. RSVP to Nancy Levin (216)-932-3600 ext. 1240.
Interviews
The Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District Board of Education will conduct interviews of candidates on Tuesday, December 4. Candidates will be contacted to set up interview times.

Deaf Entertainer John Maucere
Once again we will host a deaf performer this year, on Monday Nov. 5 at the Cleveland Heights High School 7-9pm. He has done sketches at the Hollywood’s House of Blues with Eva Longoria and Cheri Oteri and has co-mastered ceremonies with Marlee Matlin and Ken Paves. John performed the National Anthem and America the Beautiful with Alicia Keys and Jennifer Hudson as a spokesperson for the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and as a featured fan favorite for PepsiCo at the 2013 Super Bowl in New Orleans. He was also an ASL coach for the signer, Treshelle Edmond, who had signed the National Anthem and America the Beautiful for the 2015 Superbowl.

New benches donated to Coventry PEACE Park
Two families have turned their grief into an expression of joy by purchasing new long lasting benches for the Coventry PEACE Park through the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries Foundation. These benches have a 50 year warranty and are made from recycles materials. They are engraved with dedications to recently deceased family members. Others may purchase the brown and black benches to enhance the park by contacting director@heightslibraries.org.

Checking out democracy
Heights Libraries as cradle of democracy was featured in an opinion piece in the Heights Observer, October 1 edition. A copy of the article is attached to this report. Carla Rautenberg wrote the article.

Talk back about Censorship at Ensemble
Nancy Levin presented a 15 minute talk back about censorship in 2018 at “The Alabama Story” play on September 22 to an audience of about 50 people. The talkback featured commentary from Barack Obama and Dav Pilkey. Pilkey’s Captain Underpants series sits high atop the banned book lists in many states.

County meets with libraries
The Cuyahoga County Budget Commission convened on Sept. 13 to hear reports from the nine public libraries in Cuyahoga County. Through the budget commission, the libraries receive their state Public Library Fund dollars which amount to approximately one-third of the Heights Libraries budget. Nancy Levin and Debbie Herrmann represented the library at the meeting.

NEO-RLS
Kim DeNero-Ackroyd and Nancy Levin attended the NEO-RLS annual meeting on September 18. They heard reports on state library activities and a presentation on using improv comedy techniques to improve communication. Heights Libraries also hosted a training on emergency planning for libraries for NEO-RLS this month.

Heights Observer
Checking out democracy
by Carla Rautenberg and Deborah Van Kleef
Andrew Carnegie said, in 1903, “Free libraries maintained by the people are cradles of democracy, and their spread can never fail to extend and strengthen the democratic idea[.].” At a recent public
meeting, Nancy Levin, Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library System director, echoed Carnegie when she called her organization “a facilitator of democracy.” We decided to explore how the Heights libraries function as part of the infrastructure of local democracy.

We have what is called a school district library system, serving both Cleveland Heights and University Heights. Not all school districts have their own public libraries. Beachwood and South Euclid-Lyndhurst, for example, are served by the Cuyahoga County system.

A small portion of our property tax goes to the CH-UH system, and periodically we vote on library tax levies. Those served by county libraries pay those levies; no one pays taxes to both systems. Library boards decide when to put levies on the ballot.

Our Heights library system manages to be both hyper-local and regional—intimately small and mind-bogglingly large. Levin calls the four branches of the CH-UH Public Library System (Lee Road, Coventry Village, Noble Neighborhood and University Heights) “anchors for their neighborhoods.”

This hyper-local focus enables the branches to respond directly to patrons’ wants and needs.

For example, the Noble Neighborhood branch provides outreach to Nepalese refugees living nearby, including weekly citizenship and English classes. The branch also makes regular deposits of books to two neighborhood barbershops that serve as informal community centers.

The Coventry Village branch provides special services to the deaf community, as well as arts programming with the Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Campus organizations.

The University Heights branch offers two very special collections: Jewish fiction for all ages, and Russian crossword puzzles!

The Lee Road branch boasts an extensive collection of foreign language books, offers passport services, and has computer labs in the Heights Knowledge and Innovation Center.

Every branch offers voter registration, serves as an Election Day polling place, and provides tax forms and government benefits information.

The “large” part of Heights Libraries comes courtesy of CLEVNET, a consortium of 44 library systems across 12 Northeast Ohio counties. It is one of the largest public library systems in the world, giving 1 million cardholders access to more than 10 million items. It dates to 1980, when the Cleveland Public Library put its catalog online and invited other systems in the region to access it and link their own databases. In 1982, CH-UH was the first to join, and CLEVNET was born. The most recent additions were the Rocky River and Geauga County public libraries, in 2017.

Heights Libraries upholds the American Library Association’s longstanding Library Bill of Rights. Among its tenets:

- Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
• Libraries should challenge censorship . . .
• A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.

Our public libraries’ commitment to the principles of democracy is not merely an abstraction. In addition to providing print materials and access to technology and electronic media, they bring people together to discuss books, study English, learn new technologies, knit, play the ukulele, and much more. They help us become citizens, vote, and even pay taxes. They connect us with our own community and the wider world.

We cannot imagine life without the Heights libraries. A local library levy has never failed yet, so we must have plenty of company.

GOVERNMENT REPORT

Ms. Levin presented the following information for the Ohio Library Council:

To: OLC Institutional Member Library Directors  
From: Michelle Francis, OLC Director of Government and Legal Services  
Date: Oct. 15, 2018  
Subject: PLF & Legislative Update – Action Needed

Please see the following important information and let me know if you have any questions.

HB 736 – Property Tax Levies
State Representative Tom Brinkman (R-Cincinnati) recently introduced House Bill (HB) 736 which could impact certain political subdivisions with appointed boards and their ability to place tax issues on the ballot. The bill would change our sacred “shall” language in ORC 5705.23 to “may” which could prevent public libraries from placing property tax levies on the ballot.

As you know, under current law, the taxing authority of a governmental public library is required to place our levies on the ballot under this section. If HB 736 were to pass, taxing authorities could prevent public libraries from going to the ballot. We already have a few examples of library issues that will be on the Nov. 6 ballot, but if the “may” language had been in place – they would likely not appear on the ballot and their voters wouldn't have the choice of supporting their local library.

It is important to note that we are close to the end of this legislative session. The House is not scheduled to return to Columbus until after the Nov. 6 general election and the current bill has only four co-sponsors: Representatives Becker, Lang, Merrin and Riedel.

OLC has reached out to House Leadership and expressed our opposition. We do not anticipate HB 736 being a priority during the lame-duck session. HOWEVER, members of the Ohio House still need to hear from library directors on why this legislation is bad.

Please use the following talking points and contact your State Representative in the Ohio House:
- Public libraries in Ohio are separate political subdivisions. We are NOT governed by our taxing authority. The taxing authority does NOT oversee our budgets or manage the day-to-day operations of the library.
- Public library boundaries and taxing authority (school district, county, city, and township) boundaries are not always the same. Under HB 736, a taxing authority could deny voters the opportunity to support their
local library even though the taxing authority may not be elected to represent those voters. This means unaccountable individuals would be denying voters their opportunity to choose!

- Public libraries in Ohio are extremely popular with more than 8.4 million library cardholders and the highest public library use per capita in the nation.
- Statewide, local property taxes make up 51% of the funding for Ohio’s public libraries.
- Urge your state representative not to support HB 736 and to maintain current law — allowing voters the opportunity to choose.

Links:
Find your Ohio House Member:
http://www.ohiohouse.gov/index
http://www.ohiohouse.gov/members/member-directory

HB 736 bill language:

Road Ahead Tour
The Road Ahead Tour is off to a good start! Even though the state budget proposal for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 won't be officially introduced at the Statehouse until late February/early March of 2019, conversations have already begun.

The “Road Ahead Tour” is an opportunity during election season in even-numbered years for me to travel across the state and meet with public library directors about the upcoming state budget deliberations for next year. This is an opportunity to share information about OLC’s advocacy efforts and tools for libraries to utilize as we continue to fight for funding at the state level with one strong voice. The Road Ahead Tour meetings are coordinated with members of OLC’s Legislative Network. No registration is required.

Attached is a schedule of the Road Ahead Tour Regional Meetings for 2018 – the meetings are scheduled based on Ohio Senate Districts. Please try to attend a meeting based on your library’s Senate District. If you do not know which Senate District you are in, please contact me.

Here is a link to OLC’s Legislative Network Spreadsheet which breaks down each House and Senate District by library:

I look forward to meeting with everyone over the next 4 weeks. Please let me know if you have any questions.

October PLF Distribution
The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) posted the October 2018 Public Library Fund (PLF) distribution. Once again, state revenues slightly exceeded estimates. Through the first quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, revenues are exceeding projections by almost $32 million (+0.6 %).

Because overall state revenues are up, the PLF distribution has again slightly exceeded expectations. The ODT posted the October 2018 PLF distribution of $31,058,594 which is $156,294 (+ 0.51%) more than the ODT’s estimate of $30,902,301 for the month. By comparison, the October 2017 distribution was $29,251,241.
The Year-to-Date (YTD) total for Calendar Year (CY) 2018 is $325,526,301 which is 2.82% above ODT’s estimate.

A look at the PLF distribution for the past three years and a link to an Excel spreadsheet listing each county’s distribution total for October 2018 can be found on the OLC website at http://olc.org/funding/.

PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT

Ms. DeNero-Ackroyd reported:

• Starting this September and continuing through May of 2019, Local History & Adult Services Librarian Jessica Robinson will be recording oral history stories of local residents to help preserve our history for future generations. She is using the Simply Told app, which is a point and shoot camera app designed by the Digital Mosaic that records up to nine minutes of video at a time. This service is available to us via a grant from the Ohio Arts Council. The videos will be added to our local history webpage.

• Circulation executed 42 passport applications and took 62 photos, bringing in $2,400.

• The library’s annual Staff Development Day occurred on September 21. In the morning, Eileen Wilson from Building Hope in the City delivered a keynote presentation on the refugee experience entitled Refugee 101. Exploring the refugee experience is the topic for this year’s On the Same Page community read. This year, 14 breakout sessions were offered and most sessions qualified for credit towards learning/job specific/strategic goals. Sessions included:
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  • Local History Resources in the Heights
  • Understanding Your Myers-Briggs Personality Type
  • Tour of Coventry PEACE Campus
  • Meet the Media Labs

• The fall Cedar-Coventry Series, a collaboration with Mac’s Backs Books, began with a two-author event. Christopher Johnston, Shattering Silences: Strategies to Prevent Sexual Assault, Heal Survivors, and Bring Assailants to Justice shared the research and analysis he did of Cleveland’s revolution in its approach to sexual assault after the Anthony Sowell case. Terri Witek read from and discussed her book of poetry The Rape Kit, sharing her own journey as a person who was raped (her preferred language). Twenty people attended and participated in a thoughtful discussion.

• Noble Youth Librarian Mary Looby presented a talk to Dr. Cara Byrne’s class on diversity in children’s literature at Case Western Reserve University.
• Special Projects On the Same Page 2018: A full docket of book discussions, movies, panel discussions, and other programming exploring the experience of refugees are in full swing for OTSP. The series will kicked off on Sept 8 with a very fun and engaging community soccer game and potluck at Denison Park.

• After receiving feedback from customers, University Heights Librarian Greg Osborn made the decision to add a classic movie program to our monthly rotation. His first series – Classic Dystopian Films – has been a great success, and he is planning another series in the winter quarter.

• Bestselling author Thrity Umrigar visited the library to chat about her first children’s book, “When I Carried You in My Belly”.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Roosa moved. Mr. Mentrek seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.