

FOAL Meeting Notes – 11/6/23

Attendance: Attendance: Claire Christian, Rob Hizon, Laura Porter, Jane Posner, Kate Summers, Brittany Robertson, Natalia Lanteigne, Todd Ludeke, Amy Miller, Judy Kindell, Jamie Krovontka

Library: Diane Kresh and Peter Petruski

Missing: Kelly Fado

Library Update: Diane Kresh and Peter Petruski

- The Library has over 83K active users
- Important for FOAL and citizens to come to open sessions that will be held by the county in the new year and to complete the digital online survey by the county and share how much you love our Libraries
 - Anticipate the planning sessions to occur from February to mid-March, and April for the public discussion
- Beginning March 2024, Arlington Reads will celebrate the work and legacy of acclaimed author, poet, screenwriter and civil rights activist James Baldwin (1924-1987).
- Winter reading begins January 1.
- The library has a new app, MeeScan, which allows checkouts of physical materials from a patron's cell phone. <https://library.arlingtonva.us/2023/09/22/meescan/>
- The library's main app received a patch recently that resolved bugs encountered by patrons using iPads.
- The library has over 1 million checkouts for e-materials this calendar year, which is a new all-time high.
- As a reminder, all library programs can be found at <https://library.arlingtonva.us/events/> and I recommend using the "featured this month" page to see the biggest programs <https://library.arlingtonva.us/events/featured-events/>
- Library staff appreciation breakfast will be 12/19 and the FOAL Board is invited to attend.

Financial update

- The Board agreed that FOAL should do a financial review, then an audit, and vice versa each year.