

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Meeting of the Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Held via Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at noon via Zoom.

Present members of the Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee included: Chair and Trustee Evelyn Arana Ortiz along with Committee members: Priscilla Foley, Jacqueline Johnson, Allen Knight. Vice Chair Chynah Tyler and Elizabeth T. Nagarajah were absent.

Also present: Dianna Preusser, Assistant Neighborhood Services/Branches Manager, Candelaria Silva-Collins, Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Program Manager, Pamela Carver, Clerk of the Board, and Chair of the Board Priscilla H. Douglas.

The Clerk noted the meeting was being recorded and reminders to sign up for public comment. Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee (“Committee”) Chair Evelyn Arana Ortiz presided and called the meeting to order at 12:15p.m. She read the opening statement. The Clerk took roll call and determined there was a quorum. The first item on agenda was approval of meeting minutes from February 16, 2023 which were approved.

Ms. Arana Ortiz thanked former committee member, Che Madyun, for her service to the Committee and her commitment to the Roxbury Branch. The Trustees and the BPL appreciate her dedication for so many years and hope to have her continued support.

Ms. Arana Ortiz reviewed the FY24 expenditure of \$110,886.00. She noted the carryover amount will be determined at the August meeting once all June and July invoices have been settled.

Priscilla Foley, Director of Neighborhood Services gave some general BPL updates. She highlighted some of the programming that was offered systemwide that complemented the FATC funded programs.

Next, the Program Manager for the Fellowes Athenaeum Fund contract with Candelaria Silva-Collins for FY24 was discussed and voted on. (Ms. Silva-Collins left the Zoom while they discussed her contract terms).

Diana Preusser, Asst. Neighborhood Services Manager, explained the program manager was paid hourly with an average of fifteen hours per week, as noted in the contract. Priscilla Foley added that the Committee must follow the PSA union contract guidelines regarding any increases and cannot exceed what BPL staff were given. The Committee agreed to a new hourly rate of \$54.10 not to exceed \$42,194.77 for the year. (This reflected a 1% rate increase per committee discussion).

A motion was duly made, seconded, and voted with the amended language,

VOTED: “that, the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund Advisory Committee of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the Program Manager contract with Candelaria Silva-Collins for FY24 not to exceed Forty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Four dollars and Seventy-Seven cents. (\$42,194.77).”

Ms. Candelaria Silva Collins reviewed photos from the FY23 programming. She discussed the attendance for each program (pending final reports that may reflect different numbers).

1. Faith Johnson, Movement and Meditation = 6-8 attendees
2. ArtsEmerson, Play Reading Book Club = 6-20 attendees
3. Ayana Bean, Beyond the Bars = 3-13 attendees
4. Brazilian Dance Class = 10-13 in classes and 75 in performance; teen participation never took off
5. Chess Wizards, from 8-14 participants
6. Brenda Huggins/Poetry Live, 12-15 participants
7. Haley House, 12-14 in and 10-15 in the other (approximately 25-30 total)
8. Take the A train, TBD in June
9. Deb Cox, know your rights, approx. 20 participants.
10. Latino pioneers 75+ attended.
11. Makanda Project, Nov. 90-107 attended, 1432 online views. Feb show had 70-108 attendees (but was not online)
12. Math for life, 2-4 with 2 parents, was very good but after school time was tough.
13. Movers and Makers, TBD in July
14. City Strings, 15-30 participants
15. Roxbury Concert Series, 9, 5, 100+
16. Piano Classes, 15-24 students, Recital 75
17. Sewing 101, 11 started, 8 finished.
18. Genealogy Bootcamp/Tracing our Roots, 15 (Notable: one person found her father in the class)
19. Smartphones, 4-7 participants
20. Intro to Chakra & Chair Yoga, 7 sessions total (24 attendees total/approximately 8 at each session)

Ms. Silva-Collins reviewed the RFP briefly and noted that she merged some of the language. She reviewed the timeline and orientation date to assist potential grantees with the process. She encouraged the Committee members to send any leads her way for her to assist with the application process.

Ms. Silva-Collins noted some issues with scheduling due to limited branch space and having to run multiple programs simultaneously in the branch. She suggested a gap period between programs to allow for better flow with setup/breakdown and any necessary cleaning.

The Committee voted to have the next meeting on August 17th at 12pm via Zoom to review and vote on the grant proposals.

Ms. Arana Ortiz asked for any new business and public comment for which there was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela R. Carver

Chart of FATF Applications – Fiscal Year 2024

Candelaria Silva-Collins

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Danielle Williams didn’t submit proposal until July 31. (I wrote her because I’d received an LOI and a Cover sheet but no full proposal. She claimed she didn’t receive the RFP materials but I forwarded them to her again – highlighting the fact that I’d sent to her on June 29.)

29 grant proposals from 27 applicants

FELLOWES ATHENAEUM TRUST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Please sign up for Public Comment by 12:30pm via the “CHAT” or send written comments to the Clerk of the Board, pcarver@bpl.org. Comments left in the chat will not be acknowledged.

August 17, 2023

Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Chair

BPL OPENING STATEMENT

The Trustees of The Boston Public Library reaffirm our commitment to racial equity and to principles of diversity equity and inclusion, more broadly.

The Library is formally committed to becoming an anti-racist organization in response to systemic racism, inequity, and injustice prevalent in our society.

We acknowledge also that the Boston Public Library's Central Library stands on land that was once a water-based ecosystem providing sustenance for the indigenous Massachusetts people *and is a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among nations*. We are committed to land acknowledgements for all locations at which we operate.

We reaffirm this commitment to set the context for our planning, deliberations, and public engagement so that they take place from the spirit of welcome and respect, found in our motto 'free to all.'

Taken from the Institutional Statement Ratified by the Board of Trustees for the Boston Public Library on September 29, 2020.

FELLOWES ATHENAEUM TRUST COMMITTEE (FATC)

Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Committee Chair

- A. Roll Call of Committee Members
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6.15.23
- C. Trustees FATC FY24 budget
 - Expenditure: \$110,933.16
 - Carryover: \$124,908.89
 - Total: \$235,842.05**

BPL Updates

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Priscilla Foley,

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- Updates on FY23 programs

FATF Programs in June & July 2023

Take the A Train- Exploration of the Harlem Renaissance (June)

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Take the "A" Train

Enter the world of the Harlem Renaissance!

A FREE five-session arts workshop for children* exploring the art, culture, history and activism of the Harlem Renaissance.

Come experience a unique and exciting hands-on workshop where children (ages 6-10) will explore the creative processes of key historical Harlem Renaissance figures. We will immerse ourselves in books, storytelling, art, music and dance.

This program is facilitated by arts educators Stephanie McKay and Lauren Dale. Stephanie is an internationally renowned recording artist who uses the arts to engage in culturally responsive learning. Lauren is a career educator who is passionate about integrating children's books to create rich educational experiences. Artists will include:

- Session 1 12:15 - 2:45 pm** Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald
- Session 2 12:15 - 2:45 pm** August Savage and Nicholas brothers
- Session 3 12:15- 2:45 pm** Zora Neale Hurston
- Session 4 12:15- 2:45 pm** Romare Beardon and Langston Hughes
- Session 5 12:15- 2:45 pm** Jacob Lawrence

Registration is required. Upon registration, please pick a session. Children can attend all five or just one. Lunch will be served each day.

*This program is funded by the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust

Take the "A" Train - Week-long Camp
June 26th - June 30th 12:15 pm - 2:45 pm
for kids ages 6-10

Roxbury Branch of the Public Library
149 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA 02119
In person. Masks optional
To register <https://forms.gle/1qjbeHLHWAWNqB4Z7>



For more, visit www.bpl.org

KIDS



Take the A Train - Camp about Harlem Renaissance

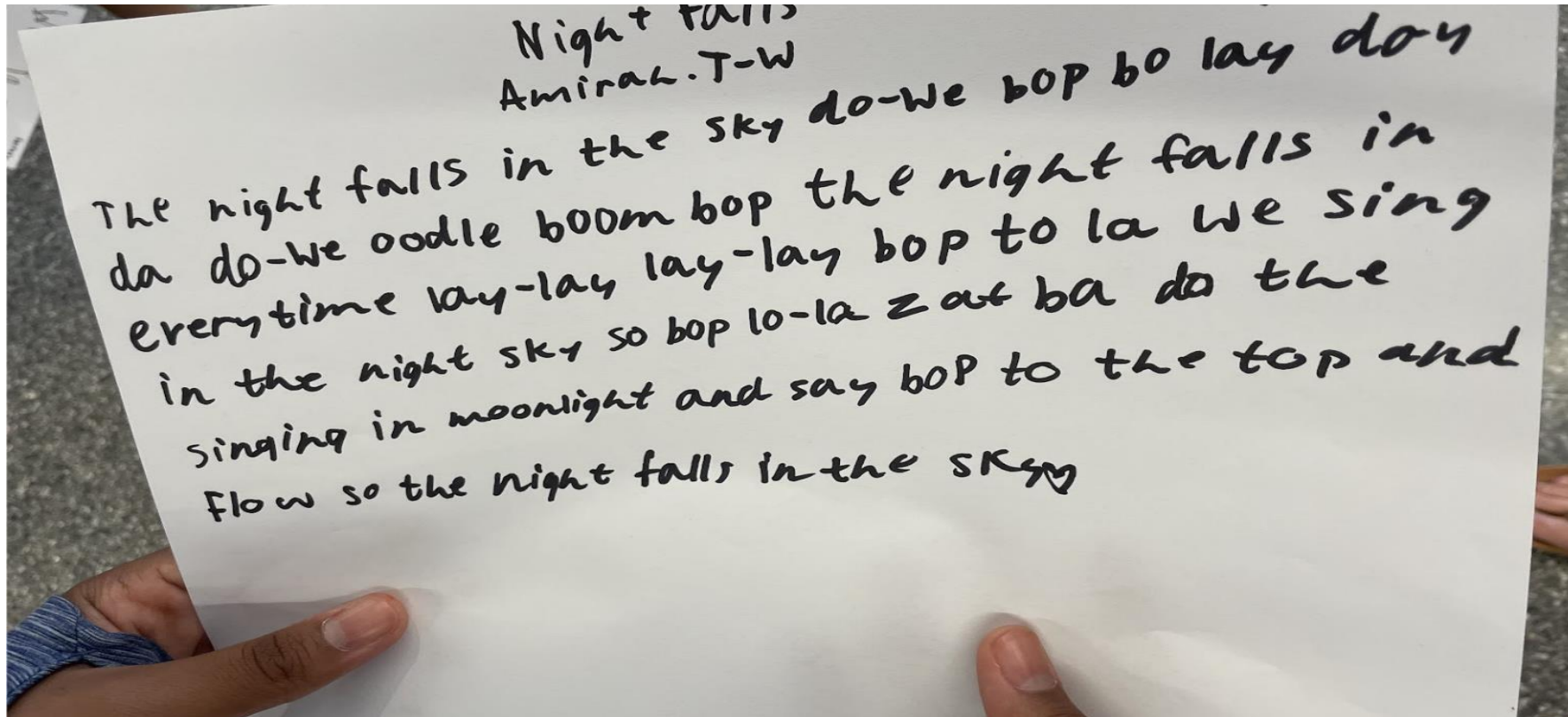


Take the A Train Instructors Stephanie McKay & Lauren Dale



Take the A Train - activities





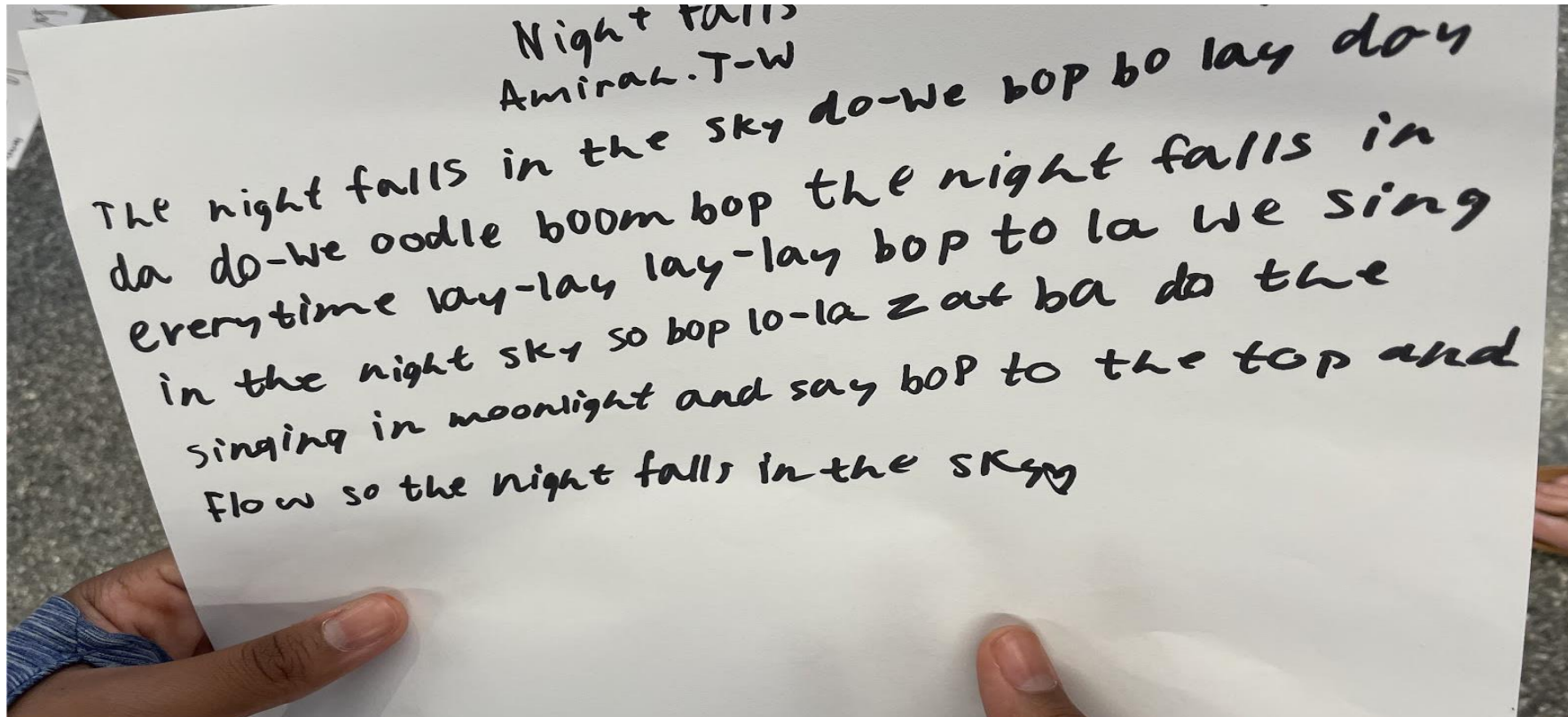
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Song with scatting written by student



Take the A Train

Books



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Movers and Makers July 2023 (6 sessions)

 **Movers & Makers**
with Iris Evans and Breyanna Catlett



FREE Family Event | 2023 Summer Sessions
MOVE TOGETHER. ENGAGE YOUR SENSES. CREATE ART.

We'll begin each session with playful movement and games before we settle into our creative space to create art.

July 7th 10am-12pm | Jewelry Making
July 7th 12-3pm | Tie-dye
July 8th 10am-1pm | Tie-dye
July 8th 1-4pm | Potted Plants
July 12th 10am-1pm | Jewelry Making
July 21st 10am-1pm | Terrarium

Snacks provided.

LOCATION:
Roxbury Public Library
149 Dudley St, Roxbury, MA 02119

For more information / to register contact:
iris@irisemindbody.com

Sponsored by: Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund




For more, visit www.bpl.org

Movers & Makers Instructors with Kids - Iris Evans & Breyanna Catlett





Movers & Makers

Threading bead necklaces and bracelets

Movers & Makers Terrariums





As you can see, programs funded by FATF are reaching many in positive ways.

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FATC Program Manager

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New Business

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Public Comment

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