

PRESENT

Bruce Reynolds (presiding & secretary), Shay Shortt, Jason Robertson, James Park, Laura Boyes (KCLS Cluster Manager). Absent: Linda Gresky

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS

- We have identified and added a new member to the board, Linda Gresky. She had the interview with the Mayor, then with the city council, and was been sworn in a couple of weeks ago. She was not able to attend this meeting, but plans to be here in September.

CLUSTER MANAGER'S REPORT

- KCLS annual budget planning is about to start up. Budget planning meetings are open to the public.
- Obama administration has started a new drive for every child in America to have a library card. KCLS will be starting to work on this. Still too new.

Circulation

- Door count is consistently around 40,000 per month, still slightly less than Bellevue. Redmond has the highest circulation in the system. Note that Redmond (with similar door counts) has many fewer security issues inside than Bellevue.
- The board continues to ask that KCLS track and allocate e-books by library.

Issues and Security

- KCLS central staff met with representatives from several police departments in the region. In the Director's Report, Redmond was called out specifically as a successful coordination between KCLS and the local police.
- KCLS and Redmond police continue to invite patrons from the sidewalks into the library. If there is a behavior issue inside the library, the library will ask patrons to leave, and document the incident. If the problem continues or a patron refuses to leave when asked, the library will ask the police to enforce trespass, remove, and/or arrest the patron.
- Since changing the policy to stop loitering on the sidewalks around the library, by inviting loiterers inside, problems have decreased outside the library but **incidents and issues have increased inside the library**. Complaints about access to the library (citizens feeling uncomfortable walking into and out of the library) have decreased.
- Stephanie continues to visit and work with The Landing. The board thinks that the city may be considering restricting or shutting down the Friends of Youth program.
- Marian is participating in a coalition about homelessness in Redmond: Task Force on Homelessness. The Task Force will seek to better understand the scope and causes of homelessness in Redmond, the systems in place to address homelessness, and will consider the range of concerns and potential solutions identified by the community. The Task Force will identify and recommend a set of short- and longer-term

actions that our community can undertake to address these issues. The Board wonders if the city of Redmond is involved in this coalition and will look into that.

- The library has disaster and emergency plans, and has regular fire and earthquake drills. The library has procedures for handling various types of emergencies inside the library.

Community Study

- Based on the Community Study, the targets for the Redmond cluster are 1) tweens, and 2) adults outside the library. Redmond is setting up programs and measures to track these goals.
- KCLS currently does not provide a way to measure tween-specific programming. Laura is working with KCLS to have this feature added to KCLS-wide monitoring tools. Tween programs will eventually be tracked, but not for a while.
- Community Discovery Day program will start up in September, to benefit low-income and homeless. 2 hours in the afternoon, the first Wednesday of every month for 6 months. Coordinating with various agencies, including YMCA, Together Center, Eastside Legal Assistance Program, Worksource, Hopelink, the Congregation for the Homeless, Friends of Youth, Goodwill, Track Associates, and King County Medical Van.
- An (abbreviated) draft of the Community Study is available for the board to review. Proprietary marketing research is redacted, since KCLS is not allowed to publish it. There is information about race, ethnicity, languages spoken, income, housing, schools, etc. Note the unusually large number of non-family households, unusually high level of education, and higher median income than the county or state. Also healthier than average. It includes results of the community leaders' study. Transportation and traffic are key needs for the community. Difficulties associated with a rising homeless population are noted.

Upcoming programs

- Mind Matters and Every Hero Has a Story programs are both underway.
- Laura gave us Mind Matters brochures for the second third of the year, which she picked up in Woodinville. The Mind Matters booklets from Woodinville are highlighted (by hand, in Woodinville) to show Woodinville programs. Laura has no plans to do this in Redmond. The board finds this useful, and would like Laura to consider it.
- The board notices that the Ukulele program is not noted as "sponsored by the Friends" in the booklet, even though Friends spent \$425 to support the program. The board would like to make sure that programs sponsored by the Friends be noted as such in the program.
- Summer Learning Program is underway. Every kid gets a red wallet on August 1st. Drawing for zoo passes on July 20th. Entry forms are available starting today. Teens get a chance for a journal or a Samsung Galaxy tablet. All get a Chipotle coupon, which have been very popular. The Library-to-Go van will go to camps, such as the YMCA camp at Cottage Lake.
- Pam did story time at Microsoft non-stop for 3 hours, for Take Your Children to Work day. Popular and busy all day. Also included e-book demos. Dan and Pam went. The Board suggests the library might add the Microsoft daycare facility as one the Library-To-Go van visits.
- For Derby Days, the parking lot will be closed. KCLS has handouts. The library will be in the parade, and (together with friends) will staff a booth. Marian has the sign-up sheet for volunteers to staff the booth.
- Overdrive Media Station is not yet available. Laura does not know when it will arrive, perhaps later this year.

Future Staffing

- PSAs are working at Redmond and Woodinville. They are not deployed in the smaller libraries. Laura is spending 2 or 3 days per week here at Redmond, which is as much or more than planned. Most staff do not travel between sites during the day. Laura tries to be in Woodinville Monday and Friday, and

Redmond on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. She has a phone number that follows her wherever she is, which works well.

- The cluster has the Library-to-Go van one week per month. In addition to daycare visits, the van is scheduled at various special events throughout the summer, such as Derby Days, Timber Fest, Heritage Festival, etc. Summer Meals outreach at Sunset Gardens Park on Avondale. Farmer's Markets in Redmond, Duvall, and Carnation. Etc. Lots of outreach.
- The Mobile Learning Lab is available, but Redmond does not make use of it.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of the Redmond Library

- The Friends have moved into their new space in the back room today. Shay is just back from the ALA meeting.

Redmond Library Blog

- James is keeping the blog up-to-date. Thank you.

Community Connections

- The board will continue to investigate ways that we could better coordinate with the City of Redmond government. Over the next few months, individual members of the board will coordinate with each other, and identify and distribute assignments. We would like to coordinate with Parks and Arts Boards and with the staff at the City about Neighborhoods, at least.
- Bruce will set up a meeting with Melissa Munn, staffer at KCLS, concerning security issues. Then we might go back and talk with the Mayor.
- We need to start preparing for a presentation before the city council in the fall. Until our next meeting, we'll coordinate via email. Bruce recommends that board members read the OPMA and go through the short, online training program provided by the state about OPMA.

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Nokomis Building

- There is no new information regarding the Nokomis building. A three- to four-day planning commission hearing is upcoming. The Redmond Historical Society is trying to raise the \$5000 necessary to hire an attorney to represent the Society at the planning hearing. There is a funding site at crowdrise.com.
- Board members note that it's hard to find information online about the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.