

PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. All board members are present.

LIBRARY BOARD FORUMS

The board met last night with members of other library advisory boards from around the region in a meeting hosted by KCLS. Gary Wasdin, KCLS Director, introduced Catherine Lord, Librarian Services Manager, who led a workshop on Intellectual Freedom. Some values inherent in public libraries include individual liberty, equality, free speech, and right to privacy. KCLS advocates and supports US First Amendment rights and the Library Bill of Rights (ALA Council, January 1996).

Last night's program also included a presentation of the 2016 KCLS planned budget. KCLS is in the middle of the budgeting process. One focus for next year will be community engagement. The last bond issue was floated in 2004. The library system has just about finished spending that money on capital improvements. (There are a couple of outstanding projects that will be finished in 2016.) There will probably be no more capital improvements after that, until 2024, when the current bonds are retired. KCLS has no plans to request more bond funding before the current bonds are retired.

The last levy lid request for KCLS came in 2010. KCLS hopes to avoid another lid lift until 2020 or later. Of note, KCLS has included \$500k to improve Evergreen, the web site, and how eBooks are handled. KCLS plans on buying 2.4 million eBooks next year, up from 2 million this year. KCLS is also interested in improving how it makes technology available to its patrons. Technology might include mobile hot spots or 3-D printers. The board notes that some technology has been available in other library systems for many years, and KCLS is far behind.

CLUSTER MANAGER'S REPORT

Circulation and Statistics

eBook downloads are up 22% from last year. Redmond (by circulation) is the busiest library in the system, and second busiest by traffic, behind Bellevue. Library outreach does not show up very well on the statistics. One example of outreach is the trip to Microsoft a couple of months ago, and monthly visits to Friends of Youth.

Community Discovery Day

Today was Community Discovery Day. Attendance was 51 with 21 agencies. Two more agencies have been in contact, asking to participate next month. Last month attendance was 47, and in the first month (September), attendance was 53. The agencies are pleased not just in reaching their target audience, but also in being able to connect with the staff of other agencies. Discovery Day will continue through March, then may pick back up in September. The Friends pay for food. The KCLS Foundation may choose to support the program, perhaps to provide toiletry kits. (KCLS is prohibited from using public funds to purchase items given away directly to patrons.) KCLS may support the program; the current 2016 KCLS budget proposal includes funds for service to the homeless.

Upcoming programs

The Philanthropy center is hosting a program tomorrow about Inspiring Donors to Give, which will be well-attended, based on RSVPs.

In December, KCLS will help patrons learn about social security. KCLS hired a specialist in senior affairs earlier this year, who is working system-wide to develop and promote programming like this. Of note, this is a live event at the Redmond library, but will be simultaneously streamed to another library by interactive video. It will also be available afterwards on the KCLS youtube.com channel.

Security

There is no longer any problem with loitering outside the library. Laura has had no reports of any issues outside the library, and staff is no longer walking around the outside of the library. Patron issues inside the library have increased since the policy changed regarding loitering outside the library. Laura notes also that the prevalence of needles in the bathrooms has NOT decreased as a result of the policy change. KCLS is considering placing a sharps container in the bathroom (Bellevue has one). Laura is unable to tell us how often police are called into the library, but it is several times weekly.

There are no parking issues. The lot fills up, but there have been no complaints.

2016 Program

Next year's program is *Everybody's Talking About It*. It will focus on current events, movies, and issues that people are talking about. KCLS will experiment with a brand new type of program they'll call "Pop Ups": programs about hot topics or urgent issues, organized quickly with little or no advance scheduling.

Redmond is in the middle of setting goals and planning next year's programs. Based on the community discovery process, next year Redmond will target tweens and programs outside the library. Examples of programs outside the library are attending Microsoft Take Your Child to Work day, taking eBook support to the senior center, or presenting programs at WorkSource or Friends of Youth.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of the Redmond Library

Friends is in the process of developing next year's budget. Friends will have \$15k income next year, mostly raised from selling books, and will spend that to support library programs. Income will be down slightly from last year, perhaps less than 5%.

Redmond Library Blog

Following up the discussion from September, the board decided to shut down the blog, with no objections. We're not using it enough, and it is getting very few views. Instead, we'll use the via the Friends' Facebook page when we need to.

Community Connections

No progress was made on community relations. Jason was not able to connect with Parks and Trails or the Planning Commission. Linda's neighbor is on the Arts and Culture board, and Linda will investigate a connection with that board. Jason and Linda will send out some emails this week.

NEW BUSINESS

City Council Presentation

Bruce will prepare a presentation for the city council, and circulate the presentation to the board members before the presentation for feedback and help. We'll target a presentation in December or late November. Laura will see if she can get us copies of the 2014 KCLS Annual Report, one for each council member. There are 8 council members, plus the mayor, for a total of 9. Laura will see what she can find that might be appropriate. That might be an annual report, the community discovery report if we have a recent one available, or something else. The board is not yet on the council schedule. Laura notes that Jennifer Wiseman has been working on a template that boards can use for this, and will see if that is available. Jason notes that the council will be interested in technology, particularly eBook reader support.

Open Board Position

Last month, Shay offered her resignation to the city, based on her starting employment with KCLS, and the Mayor accepted that resignation. Effective October 9th, our board has an open board position. Laura will post the opening on the bulletin board at the library. Laura will ask KCLS to produce a better flyer for us. Laura suggests that KCLS might be willing to mail a flyer to patrons advertising the position, or might be willing to send an email to Redmond-area patrons. Laura will find out if either of those options are possible. Perhaps the board could buy an ad in the Redmond Reporter. Laura notes that our board meetings do not show up in the Redmond library calendar, and will make sure our meetings show up in KCLS planning calendar going forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20