

PRESENT

Bruce Reynolds (presiding & secretary), Jason Robertson, Kristine Anderson. Laura Boyes (KCLS Cluster Manager). Jason Sokoloff and Linda Gresky are absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Two board members not present. There is a quorum.

CLUSTER MANAGER'S REPORT

- Redmond Library now has its own Facebook page, starting around the beginning of April. Up until now, KCLS has not allowed individual libraries to have Facebook pages. This is a pilot program that includes Redmond. Laura does not know how many other libraries are included. Staff are assigned to keep the page up-to-date.
- The new KCLS website design is up and running, just this week. The goal is to improve the experience for patrons who want to browse the collection. You can now check out an e-book directly from the catalog. The new site is better able to focus on highlights of books and programs.
- KCLS has a program to provide free museum passes to its patrons. Passes must be picked up in person at Bellevue. This is not a new program, but is not widely known.
- KCLS is running a new program this summer: Summer Reading for Adults. Each patron 18 or older can add a rating and a comment to any book in the catalog. On September 1st, KCLS will randomly select one patron from each library who has submitted a review to receive a \$200 gift-card prize, paid for by the KCLS Foundation.
- Circulating hot spots are available to any KCLS patron, but they are only given out at the Boulevard Park, White Center, Burien, Valley View, and Foster libraries. They can be checked out for a month. These are paid for the KCLS Foundation as a pilot program.
- Redmond now has three iPads for librarians to use in the children's area. They are loaded with children's programming, and with specific library-related apps for librarians to use working with kids. This is a pilot program. The iPads here are not being used much.
- Kingsgate library remodel is done, and opened just last weekend. White Center will soon open, and Mercer Island will close soon for remodel.
- KCLS is running a pilot program called IDX, providing "Make" kits that will circulate among the libraries. There are about a dozen kits, and each library can check out a kit and use it locally for programs and demonstrations. Kits cover topics such as electronics, gardening, weaving, and sewing. The IDX program is also looking at 3D printers. KCLS is still investigating. Other libraries in the US and around the world have installed 3D printers and are already training their patrons on using and programming them, and KCLS has been much slower to adopt this sort of technology.
- *State of America's Libraries Report 2016* is available on the ALA website. National issues and trends called out include the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and privacy in the digital age. [Looking for Alaska](#), by John Green, is the most challenged book in 2015, as recorded by ALS.
- Redmond library staff bring boxes of books out to local daycares, and leave them there for the daycares to keep and use for the month. KCLS is legally prohibited from giving away books, so the whole box is

checked out to the daycare and picked back up later. This is not a new program, but the Board has never heard of it before.

- KCLS, system-wide, has partnered with a private educational company, who will use library facilities to host Kaleidoscope Play and Learn (tm) programs, in Chinese, for preschool kids. Program will occur monthly. Programs are paid for by the Chinese Information Service Center, a for-profit organization based in Seattle, and are operated by Child Care Resources, also a for-profit organization based in Seattle. The Board would like Laura to find out more about this and report back to us. Is KCLS paying for these programs? Who is vetting the information and curricula? Is the City of Redmond participating?
- KCLS still has no easy way for librarians to generate a report of events occurring outside the library.

Circulation

- Circulation trends continue. Physical materials are down slightly, year over year, and e-book circulation is still growing. Laura does not know how popular Hoopla is.

Upcoming programs

- In a program that the library is coordinating with the city, there will be a Summer Reading Party in the Park with music and readings, on the lawn between the library and City Hall, on Friday, August 26, from noon to 2 PM.
- The Summer Learning Program is On Your Mark, Get Set. Kids are encouraged to read by getting small prizes as they record the minutes they are reading. KCLS awards medals at the end of the summer based on reading achievements. The Teen program encourages teens to keep an activity log, post pictures to Instagram, and there will be \$25 gift-card rewards at the end of the summer. All staff have been provided with a Summer Learning tee-shirt, sponsored by the Friends.
- Upcoming for Everyone's Talking About It are programs about Homelessness in the Community & the Media, News Literacy, and Bathroom Politics: Access for Transgendered People.

Issues

- There are no notable issues regarding safety and security. KCLS staff talks to the police regularly.
- The library removed the bench behind the library last month, to discourage loitering. There is an air vent behind the library, and the vent was drawing tobacco and marijuana smoke into the library. It continues to be policy at Redmond RL that staff do not patrol outside the library.
- KCLS is conducting active shooter training and drills, practicing for scenarios that might arise both inside and outside the library. In late April, Redmond Library was evacuated for smoke and the Redmond Fire Department responded. The smoke was produced by an authorized maintenance crew performing welding. The evacuation highlighted weaknesses in library procedure; for example, one patron refused to leave the premises.

LIBRARY BOARD BUSINESS

- The new board members' end dates are Kristine through 2021 and Jason Sokoloff through 2019.
- Kristine went to Poetry Coffeehouse, and it was well-attended.
- Jason likes the new arrangement the children's collection, by subject. Laura tells us that the shelving will change and the displays will look a little different, but the new classification will remain. Patrons who are looking for books by author have complained, since finding children's books by author is now impossible or much harder.
- Jason also appreciated the timeliness of the Prince programs and collection.
- Bruce reminds the new board members that they must complete OPMA training. Kristine has done so.
- Laura added board members to the mailing list to receive the Insights newsletter.
- Derby Days is coming up, and Board members are welcome to staff the library information booth for an hour. Sign up with the Friends.

- Laura has business cards for new board members.

OLD BUSINESS

- Laura was going to find out more about Reading for Rover, but has not yet done so. Programs are presented at several other KCLS libraries, but not here in Redmond. The meetings at Redmond Town Center are not run by KCLS and staff do not participate.
- Laura was going to find out how KCLS is supporting the presidential ConnectED initiative, to get a library card for every student in the US. The KCLS library card pilot program is underway in Bellevue. All students in the Bellevue School District were assigned library cards (online use only). The board hopes to see that program expand into Lake Washington SD. Laura assures us that ALL libraries in the KCLS service area will be added to the program by the end of this year, 2016.
- Community Discovery Day has been well attended. Laura is not familiar with the program beyond that.
- The shredding event, coordinated with City of Redmond, happened on April 25th. Laura does not know how many people participated or how busy it was.
- The board would like to know if the movie license covers showing movies outside the library. Laura has not yet found out.

Friends of the Redmond Library

- The Friends have spent nearly \$10,000 on library programming through the end of July. They are within budget on both income and expenses.
- Friends' World Languages Book sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th, 10:30 AM to 3 PM.
- Friends' garage sale of books will be during the Summer Reading Party on August 26th, noon to 2 PM.
- Friends Day will be Saturday, Oct. 29th, in the AM.

Community Connections

- Jason has contacted the Planning and Landmark Commissions a couple of times, and has not heard back.
- Bruce intends to make a connection with RYPAC, after school starts up.
- Bruce will investigate adding a student member, after school starts up.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Last month's minutes were approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:20