

**City of Bellevue
Library Advisory Board**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2019**

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board was called to order at 5:05 PM on February 19, 2019 in the meeting room of the Lake Hills Library, by Kim Anderson, President.

Meeting Attendance:

Board Members Present: Kim Anderson, Chad Davis, Ankit Saraf, Barbara Spindel, Cris Dreher, Jillian Selem

Board Members Absent: Gunjan Murarka,

KCLS Representatives: Cecie Streitman, Bellevue Library Regional Manager; Kirsten Corning, North Central Regional Manager.

Friends of the Bellevue Library: None

Newport Way Library Association: Barbara Spindel

Guests: Jo Anderson-Cavinta, Diversity Coordinator

Public Comment Period:

No members of the public were present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for January 2019 meeting were approved. They will be posted on the LAB One Drive and filed with the Deputy City Clerk.

Regular Business

A genda Item 1 – Presentation by Diversity Coordinator, Jo Anderson-Cavinta

The Diversity Coordinator position is about 10 years old. Since its inception it has grown in staff and programming. There are a large number of diversity and outreach programs across the county. Some of those highlighted include: Talk Time, ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, and citizenship programs.

For Bellevue specifically, the hiring of a Spanish language specialist as well as the Plazas Comunitarias and High School 21+ (HS21+) programs were highlighted.

Plazas Comunitarias, offered in conjunction with the Mexican consulate, provides an opportunity to study in Spanish for an official elementary or middle school diploma from the Mexican Secretary of Public Education. One of the goals of the program is to transition students into regular ESL courses with a higher rate of success and then introduce them to a higher level of education.

HS21+ allows students the opportunity to finish high school by obtaining an official degree recognized by the state of Washington. The HS21 + program is equivalent to the GED but the path to

accreditation is different. HS21+ offers credit for previous knowledge and life-skills as well as through classes, homework, essays etc. The only requirement for enrollment is that students are 21 years or older. The program is offered in collaboration with Renton Technical College and Goodwill Industries.

With staff and programs such as these Bellevue has essentially built an adult education center.

In addition, the Under Our Skin program which was started in Bellevue is now in seven other cities.

A question was asked about KCLS workforce diversity. KCLS Human Resources is looking at ways to eliminate potential bias in hiring practices. There are challenges in the upper echelons of the organization. However, a bottoms up, grow talent from within approach that is showing some promise is the Page Fellowship Program which among other things includes additional training for employees.

Agenda Item 2 – Review of Future Board Education Plans

In response to the board's interest in inviting the KCLS Finance Director to the March meeting the Finance Director indicated that it wouldn't be appropriate to attend prior to the board's scheduled meeting with KCLS Director Lisa Rosenblum in April since she will likely be covering finance related issues. After discussion, the board decided that it would still make sense to hear from the Finance Director since the type of information he would share is different and complimentary to that which the KCLS Director will share. Therefore an invitation will be extended for a date after April. In the meantime, the board will extend an invitation to the KCLS Director of Community Engagement and Economic Development for the March meeting to discuss the recently completed report and plan based on business and industry needs.

Reports:

- **Bellevue Friends of the Library**

None

- **Newport Way Library Association:**

There is a need to address storage due to attempts to clean out and organize storage at the Preston facility. One of the issues is the time and labor currently required to pull stored boxes when requested due to the number of categories used by various organizations. The managers of the storage area would like to get down to just two categories. The Newport Way Library Association currently has three categories.

It appears that during construction of the new sidewalk that will connect the Newport Way library to Tyee Middle School, Newport Way will be turned into a one way street. Therefore, there will be an impact on the library in terms of access.

Due to the snowstorms in February the NWLA was unable to support the Global Reading Challenge as they usually do. However, the NWLA wanted to express their appreciation to library staff who really came through to ensure a successful event.

- **KCLS Staff Report**

Bellevue Libraries: report is attached.

Newport Way Library: Several upcoming programs were highlighted including the Cubelets Playground in collaboration with Newport High School, the Paper Collage Alebrijes Art Workshop and a Green Cleaning Workshop in partnership with the city of Bellevue.

New Business:

It was noted that there was a story circulating on Next Door about an issue in which a man was said to have reported suspicious activity in the men's bathroom of the Bellevue library. However, no record of such a report could be found and it turned out that the man had merely reported it to his wife.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM by **Kim Anderson, President**. The next general meeting will be at 5:00PM on March 19, 2019, at the Bellevue Library.

Meeting Agenda: Will be distributed by Kim Anderson, President, prior to the next meeting.

Minutes Submitted By: Chad Davis, Board Secretary

Bellevue Libraries February Report

Here's a roundup of the current happenings system-wide and within the Bellevue region.

Dream Big: Anything is Possible

KCLS and the KCLS Foundation celebrated the launch of an exciting partnership. Together with Russell Wilson & Ciara's Why Not You Foundation and JPMorgan Chase, KCLS will be expanding opportunities for teens throughout King County via the *DREAM BIG: Anything is Possible* campaign.



Russell Wilson & Ciara at the Tukwila Library

As part of the *DREAM BIG* campaign, limited edition cards will be available in KCLS libraries the week of Feb. 11. JPMorgan Chase branches throughout the region will also have these specialty cards for distribution though activation will only be done in KCLS libraries. Anyone who wishes to switch cards to this new KCLS specialty card is welcome to do so. Please follow your regular protocol for issuing a replacement card.

More information about Dream Big can be found [here](#).

Makerspace/ideaX

Programming continues to be a strong point in the Makerspace with approximately 35 programs per month. Coley Mixan (Makerspace PSA), launched Garage 527 on Wednesday nights and it has been heavily populated by the adult commuter crowd. This has brought in some regular volunteers as a result. Programming has been focused

primarily on fiber arts and included sewing machines, the Cricut, embroidery, knitting and crochet. However, we continue to also offer programs on sound equipment and other technologies.

Additional Highlights

- In November and December we held Sunday orientations with a “Get To Know” series. Each Sunday there was a short half-hour orientation on one kind of equipment. Highlighted equipment included: 3D printer, Laser cutter, Cricut and Sewing Machine. Due to the success of this series, we are planning on offering them again this year.
- Makerspace staff held seasonal programmings such as a costume lab, and labs for patrons to make Christmas and Valentine’s Day cards . Patrons used the sewing machines and used somewhat unusual materials such as cardboard and bubble wrap.



Picture of Koi made using the laser cutter



Halloween Costume Lab

Circulation Statistics for the Bellevue Region for 2018

LIBRARY	CHECKOUTS	
	Cumulative	
	2018	18/17
BELLEVUE	1,055,987	-5%
CROSSROADS	396,336	-4%
LAKE HILLS	329,342	-3%

Upcoming Programming within the Region

Adults

Bellevue Friends of the Library Shakespeare Series: Julius Caesar
 Friday, March 1, 2019 (10:15AM – 12:15PM) - Bellevue Library

In this Shakespeare tragedy, the nobleman Julius Caesar rises above his fellow republicans and will be crowned a king. Can a republican form of government tolerate a king? Please join us each Friday morning in March for a reading and discussion of the play. Local Shakespeare play director, Leah Adcock-Starr facilitates the discussion and shares her insights into this tragedy. Bring a copy of the play and follow along! Sponsored by Bellevue Friends of the Library.

Certifications at KCLS

Saturday, March 2, 2019 (3:00PM – 4:00PM) - Bellevue Library

Certification is an excellent way to prepare for achievement in the classroom or the workforce.

Take a certification exam in Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS), Adobe Certified Associate (ACA), Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA), or Microsoft Certified Educator (MCE) at this session.

Visit kcls.org/certify for premium learning and study resources, including GMetrix practice exams.

Makerspace/ideax

Open Lab Hours
Fridays (11:00AM – 1:00PM) - Bellevue Library

Discover, create, prototype and have fun in an open, unguided environment. Learn at your own pace, focused on your own project. Patrons may also place reservations on the equipment and the breakout rooms during open lab hours. To make a reservation, please call the Bellevue Library at 425-450-1765 and ask to speak with an ideaX team member. Open lab is an opportunity to use and practice new skills with makerspace equipment.

If there is a specific tool you want to use during open lab, it is recommended that you call and place a reservation in advance.

ideaX Drop-in Creativity Lab
Fridays (3:00PM – 5:00PM) - Bellevue Library

Open creativity lab at the Bellevue Library. Come experiment, imagine, play, problem solve & explore using a variety of creative tools, materials, software programs & more. Meet other makers and creatives to build community connections & learn together. This is a BYOI space--Bring Your Own Ideas.

Some featured creative tools are: Lego Mindstorms, Little Bits, Play-Doh, Makey-Makey, 3Doodler Pens, Stop-Motion Animation Kits, the Adobe Creative Suite and Ableton Live software + Ableton Push.

Children's/Families

Toddler and Preschool Story Time
Tuesdays (10:30AM – 11:00AM) - Lake Hills

Enjoy interactive Story Times with your child that include Early Literacy fun with books, songs, finger plays, and body movement.

Story Times are some of our most popular events. Due to fire code we cannot exceed the maximum capacity for our rooms.

Family Story Time

Mondays (2:00PM – 2:30PM) - Crossroads Community Center

Held at Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street, Bellevue, WA 98008.

Family program, all ages welcome.

Enjoy an interactive Story Time with your child that includes Early Literacy fun with books, songs, finger plays and body movement.

Infant Story Time

Mondays (11:00AM – 11:30AM) - Bellevue Library

Ages newborn through 11 months with adult.

Enjoy an interactive Story Time with your child that includes Early Literacy fun with books, songs, finger plays and body movement.

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