

**City of Bellevue  
Library Advisory Board**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2019**

**Opening**

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board was called to order at 5:05 PM on May 21, 2019 in the meeting room of the Lake Hills Library, by Kim Anderson, President.

**Meeting Attendance:**

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Friends of the Bellevue Library: Julie Schuman

Newport Way Library Association: Barbara Spindel

Guests: Rochelle Brown, Teen Services Librarian, Newport Way Library; Kathy Key, Adult Services Librarian, Bellevue Library

**Public Comment Period:**

No members of the public were present for the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Regular Business**

**Agenda Item 1 – Commendation for Cris Dreher**

Kim Anderson thanked Cris on behalf of the Bellevue Library Advisory Board for his five years of service.

**Agenda Item 2 – Presentation on Economic Development And Empowerment Efforts By KCLS**

Rochelle Brown and Kathy Key presented highlights of KCLS efforts to foster economic empowerment. They started by noting that in 2017 Audrey Barbakoff was tapped by KCLS to lead efforts around community engagement and economic development.

They went on to introduce the subsequent strategic priorities and framework, explain how they were developed and describe the specific audiences that are being targeted.

This was followed by discussion of a number of examples of initiatives and projects that are being pursued such as public programs to build STEM career skills and knowledge, continued growth of the Startup 425 program for small businesses and entrepreneurs, and a refresh and expansion of the Worksource Connection Site.

They also highlighted a number of current teen and adult services programs that connect with economic empowerment via career development such as Girls Who Code (teens) and SCORE Mentor appointments (adults).

In follow up Q&A it was noted that one big takeaway by KCLS staff is that there is a lot that is already being done but that awareness of current offerings is low. So, as important as it is to continue to look for new ways to support economic empowerment it is also important to make sure that existing efforts are being fully utilized.

### **Agenda Item 3 - Election Of 2020 Officers**

A slate of candidates consisting of Kim Anderson for President, Barbara Spindel for Vice president and Gunjan Murarka for Secretary was put forward and approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **Reports:**

- **Bellevue Friends of the Library**

The BFOL foreign language book sale saw reduced revenue year over year (\$1,200 in 2019 versus \$1,500 in 2018). Given the effort required to conduct the sale the BFOL is considering whether it makes sense to conduct this sale going forward versus other options such as folding it into the annual holiday sale.

There is an upcoming back to school sale for teachers in the Corner Book Shop.

- **Newport Way Library Association:**

The recent Haiku program was highlighted. The program featured winning submissions being temporarily installed on the sidewalk in front of the library using Rainworks hydrophobic spray, which is invisible when dry but becomes visible when wet. It was noted that the IdeaX laser cutter was used to create the stencils that were used.

There will be a mini sale of children's book on June 1st.

- **KCLS Staff Report**

Bellevue Libraries: (see attached report).

The theme of the upcoming summer reading program - A Universe Of Stories - pays homage to the 50th anniversary of man landing on the moon. Instructions for the program will be provided in the top nine languages spoken in King County. Some early programs will start in June but the largest number will be in July and then a few more in early August.

There are no plans to offer summer meals at Newport Way Library this summer because the free and reduced lunches programs at surrounding schools were deemed unnecessary this year and that is generally used as a barometer of need. It is unclear whether the same is true for Lake Hills.

**New Business:**

It was suggested that information about upcoming summer programs (beyond the summer reading program) be included in the June agenda.

In addition, it was suggested that someone from the KCLS Foundation be included in a future agenda.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM by **Kim Anderson, President**. The next general meeting will be at 5:00PM on June 18, 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

## **May KCLS Staff Report**

A profile on Teen Librarian, Anna-Marie Legaspi:

My name is **Anna-Marie Legaspi** and I am one of the Teen Services Librarians here at the Bellevue Library. I have been at Bellevue since July 2018. I am a newbie librarian-- this is my first official KCLS Librarian position, and I love it. I really do feel like it is my dream job. Working with youth and developing creative programming surrounding STREAM topics is a blast, and I especially enjoy hosting teen programs in the IdeaX Makerspace.

I was born and raised in the Seattle area. I received my BA in Society, Ethics, and Human Behavior with a minor in Human Rights from University of Washington-Bothell. I recently graduated with my MLIS from San Jose State University. I have worked for KCLS for nearly 8 years in a multitude of positions, all leading up to my ultimate goal which is the position that I am currently working in.

A current program that I am working on in partnership with my fellow teen librarian, Adrianna Ibrahim, is **Girls Who Code**. Girls Who Code is a nonprofit organization with the mission of closing the gender gap in technology, and to change the image of what a programmer looks like and does. The organization partners with libraries, schools, and other institutions in order to facilitate free coding education for women. Every Wednesday, we host our Girls Who Code club in the Makerspace. The club is open to girls in 6th-12th grade. We have received positive feedback from our participants and their parents. We plan on continuing Girls Who Code in the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.

### **Program Spotlight: Free Comic Book Day + Star Wars Day on Saturday, May 4th!**

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away... On May 4th, 2019, the Bellevue Library transformed into a family-friendly, nerd culture haven as we celebrated the rare crossover event of both Free Comic Book Day and Star Wars Day. Comic books and graphic novels have become increasingly popular and branched out far beyond the paper issues of days past. Now, comics act as a gateway for reluctant and struggling readers and permeate all areas of popular culture. Featuring both events allowed us to tap into this growing trend and draw patrons of all ages and interests into the library.

There were five main attractions throughout the day. Patrons entered the library gallery and were greeted by the free comic book giveaway where we offered a range of free comics all created especially for Free Comic Book Day. Upstairs in the newly renovated children's department, Charlie Williams a.k.a. the Noiseguy presented "Toy Wars," a live reenactment of the original Star Wars Trilogy. Down in the ideaX Makerspace, Emily Mallory of Emily's Papercrafts took older kids through intricate Star Wars-themed origami. Back in the children's department, kids fashioned their own lightsabers using pool noodles and duct tape. We ended the day with comic book button making back in the Makerspace.

In addition to paid presenters, we utilized staff members’ varied expertise as well as volunteers to successfully run these events. A highlight—for staff and patrons alike—were the professional cosplayers who came dressed as Star Wars and Marvel Comic characters. They patrolled the library and added an air of magic and wonder for everyone in the library that day. One young patron excitedly exclaimed, “I high-fived a superhero!”

Feedback from patrons (and staff) has been overwhelming positive with many people asking if we will do the program again next year. Despite the beautiful, sunny day outside, the library was overrun with enthusiastic patrons, both old and new, and this crossover event allowed us to reach a wide demographic of people. The Bellevue community turned out by the hundreds and made this a resoundingly successful event. May the force be with you!

**System wide Initiative: The Green Initiative**

One of KCLS’ 2019 Strategic Initiatives to is help cut waste by introducing sound environment practices to reduce paper and plastic waste, cut supplies and maintenance costs, and improve operational efficiencies.

Phase I is an implementation of an integrated pay-to-print system in libraries that will encourage cloud-based options (e.g., scan/send) in lieu of paper printing. Phase II will integrate a second module for other library-related charges, such as fines and fees.

Currently, there is a lot of behind-the-scenes work happening. Tentative timeline...

- **July** - Patron messaging about when pay ‘opt in’ starts for intro sites.
- **August** – Introductory sites operational: Auburn, Enumclaw, Greenbridge, North Bend, and Redmond.  
Plan and schedule cash register and POS installation, other 45 branches.
- **September - December**  
Install new point of sale public use components along with new signage, all public print release stations and service desks, all remaining locations  
Install new cash registers (overnight, end of one month, start of next month) all remaining locations.

**Circulation Statistics for the Bellevue Region for April 2019**

|                |         |         |     |
|----------------|---------|---------|-----|
| BELLEVUE       | 86,354  | 94,469  | -9% |
| CROSSROADS     | 31,378  | 33,702  | -7% |
| LAKE HILLS     | 26,268  | 26,671  | -2% |
| BELLEVUE TOTAL | 144,000 | 154,842 | -7% |

## **Upcoming Events**

June 18, 2019 – Summer Reading Program Overview

Fall 2019 – KCLS Strategy update