

**City of Bellevue
Library Advisory Board**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2019**

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board was called to order at 5:00 PM on August 5, 2019 in the meeting room of the Bellevue Library, by Kim Anderson, President.

Meeting Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent: None

KCLS Representatives: Cecie Streitman, Bellevue Library Regional Manager; Michele Drov Dahl, Regional Manager; Tess Mayer, Dir for Outreach Programs

Friends of the Bellevue Library: Julie Schuman

Newport Way Library Association: Barbara Spindel

Guests: Holly Zhange, Jay Allison

Introductions

Meeting kicked off with a quick round of introductions with KCLS representatives, Guests, and Board. Holly and Jay, members of the public, were welcomed.

Approval of Minutes

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

Public Comment Period

There was no comment.

Regular Business

Topic 1 – Summary of Drag Queen Story Times

Tess Mayer, representing KCLS, informed that 2019 was the second year that the program was offered. It was conducted for the first time in 2018 at three locations, Fairwood, Burien and Renton to large crowds. June is pride month, and the KCLS staff wanted to highlight diversity in our community. There was confusion in the community around what the programs were meant to achieve, and KCLS talked to many representatives and helped educate.

The discussion also shifted to Pride teen parade. KCLS informed that they were aware of the feedback. However, the pride teen parade was organized by Russell and Ciara foundation along with the LGBT community.

Topic 2 – Selection criteria/considerations for programming

Tess Mayer educated Board on the approach to select programs in KCLS. The first consideration for deciding any new programming is that it should align with the strategic plan for KCLS. Each region does its own community discovery/assessment. Regions interview key leaders, community-based organizations, and city council, they look at local data, including demographics for gap assessment and where there the needs are. Programs like Startup 425 in Bellevue or Latin Entrepreneurs in Burien comes from this determination of local needs. Board suggested that KCLS should have a place on its website for people to suggest programs. KCLS agreed to investigate that.

Board thanked Tess for coming and presenting.

Reports

Bellevue Friends of Library

Bellevue Friends Board has not met recently, and there was nothing new.

Newport Way Library Association

Barbara informed that summers are busy with programs planned like SAT, ACT, college essay assistance, Movie for kids and emergency preparedness with the City of Bellevue. Newport library association board does not meet in Summer.

Bellevue Library staff

Quick report from KCLS that physical books circulation is going down while eBooks are going up.

Agenda Item 1 – Data on Check-out patterns: clarification

It was agreed that Stefan would follow on exact requirements with Cecie on email.

Agenda Item 2 – Report out to Bellevue City Council

Board discussed and agreed to keep October as primary, and November as a backup option for presentation to the City Council. Ankit volunteered to lead preparing the slide presentation for the meeting. Topics that will be shared with City Council include:

- Programs from each of the four libraries. Will need assessment from each of the libraries and then call out specific programs. Also agreed to partner with local librarians in selection.
- Re-organization going on to bring all of the Bellevue libraries under one umbrella
- Inform about the levy coming in 2020. Board discussed that it's not their position to advise or recommend, but to inform the council about the upcoming event.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM by **Kim Anderson, President**.

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

Minutes Submitted: By Gunjan Murarka, Board Secretary