

**City of Bellevue  
Library Advisory Board**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2019**

**Opening**

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board was called to order at 5:10 PM on September 17, 2019 in the meeting room of the Newport Way Library, by Kim Anderson, President.

**Meeting Attendance:**

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

Board Members Absent: Chad Davis

KCLS Representatives: Kristen Corning, Librarian Services Manager

KCLS Representatives Absent: Michele Drovdaahl, Cecie Streitman, Library Regional Managers

Friends of the Bellevue Library: Julie Schuman

Newport Way Library Association: Barbara Spindel

Guests: None

**Introductions**

Meeting kicked off with a quick round of welcome.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Public Comment Period**

There was no comment.

**Reports**

**Bellevue Friends of Library**

Friends planning Holiday sales to include Vintage books and World Language books. Julie mentioned that Friends of Library are short on Volunteers.

**Newport Way Library Association**

The Association is planning its big Annual Sale in November, on 11/22 from 10 AM to 6 PM and 11/23 from 10 AM to 5 PM. Kirsten shared that 1079 patrons signed for the summer reading program at the Newport Library.

Kirsten informed us that currently in the district “Money Smart” program is going on. There will be a drawing for the participants and winner to get US Mint coin. This program is new for KCLS. Kirsten confirmed that all the programs at KCLS are free, and there is no active solicitation for donations.

### **Bellevue Library staff**

Board asked the question around KCLS policy as some groups, religious or otherwise, sometimes set a table in front of the library. Kirsten informed us that KCLS follows state and county policies around these issues. KCLS will follow-up on policy and educate Board in a future meeting.

Board asked whether KCLS might invite voluntary donations from attendees at library programs. Kirsten replied that it is KCLS practice not to invite donations from library patrons, but to solicit donations from KCLS Foundation and Friends of the Library organizations. Barbara suggested to Stefan to review RCW Chapter on public libraries whether there are statutory restrictions on accepting donations from the public.

### **Regular Business**

#### **Agenda Item 1 – Report out to Bellevue City Council**

Board discussed the plan and topics to present to the City council.

- Libraries in Bellevue are being re-orged, and all four libraries in the city of Bellevue will come under one region starting September 2020. Plan to share this update and benefits to the city.
- Share some interesting fun facts, which include, among other circulation numbers. Also include list of programs conducted since last presentation.
- Discussed highlighting one program – “Meet your neighbor.” Kim to confirm with Cecie.
- Stefan proposed that we hold off our presentation to the City Council until after KCLS’s anticipated levy lift measure, at which time we would present an objective analysis of the measure to the Council. He further proposed that if the Board does decide to present this year, it should focus library issues that have the greatest impact relevant to the City Council’s work.

Board discussed to go early November. Kim to confirm with Cecie and with Kyle in the Bellevue city.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM by **Kim Anderson, President**. Next meeting in October with a focus on finalizing the City council presentation.

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

**Minutes Submitted:** By Gunjan Murarka, Board Secretary