

**City of Bellevue
Library Advisory Board**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2019**

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board was called to order at 5:00 PM on March 19, 2019 in the meeting room of the Bellevue Library, by Barbara Spindel, Vice President.

Meeting Attendance:

Board Members Present: Barbara Spindel, Chad Davis, Ankit Saraf, Jillian Selem, Gunjan Murarka

Board Members Absent: Kim Anderson, Cris Dreher

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

Friends of the Bellevue Library: Julie Schuman

Newport Way Library Association: Barbara Spindel

Guests: None

Public Comment Period:

No members of the public were present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for February 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 – Presentation Of Regional Reorganization

Currently KCLS library branches are divided into 12 regions. The goal of planned restructuring is to lower the number to nine. Attrition and retirements will account for the smaller number of manager positions.

The impetus for the restructuring is to recalibrate and rebalance staffing across service areas in order to even out staffing levels and also to even out span of control for managers.

The restructuring will go into effect in January of 2020

For Bellevue, the change means that the Newport Way branch will become part of the same group as the other Bellevue branches. In addition, with the shift Kirsten Corning will step down as an Acting Regional Manager.

It is possible that some staff throughout KCLS, other than pages, will move locations as part of the restructuring.

Agenda Item 2 – Review of Future Board Education Plans

Lisa Rosenblum is presenting to the Bellevue City Council on March 25th

The KCLS Finance Director will be presenting at the annual Library Advisory Board Forum on April 13th. Therefore, the board agreed that we don't need to try to schedule him to come and speak at one of our future meetings.

The board would still like to have someone come and present to us from a strategy perspective later in the year, potentially November.

Reports:

- **Bellevue Friends of the Library**

The BFOL is currently nominating people to join their board. There are four open positions. Although the BFOL has more than three hundred members finding candidates has become very difficult since few want to volunteer for the board. Vote will occur in May.

The foreign language book sale is scheduled for April 26th/27th

- **Newport Way Library Association:**

The Global Reading Challenge, which began in late January, concluded in early March with The Clyde Hill Library Agents winning in an exciting tie-breaker. They will go on to represent all of Bellevue at the East Regional Grand Challenge against the winning teams from Mercer Island and Issaquah School Districts.

The February opera preview for the Revolution of Steve Jobs, which was funded by The NWLA, had very low attendance due to the snowstorm. However, there is another opportunity for those who are interested in attending a preview with the upcoming preview for Carmen. The new presenter for the opera preview series seems to be working out well.

It will be interesting to see who turns up for the upcoming program called Marijuana - Evil Weed Or Medical Miracle

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

- **KCLS Staff Report**

Bellevue Libraries: report is attached.

New Business:

Nominations for board officers (President, Vice President, Secretary) will be held at the April board meeting. Elections will be held at the May meeting and new officers will take over in June.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM by **Barbara Spindel, Vice President**. The next general meeting will be at 5:00PM on April 16, 2019, at the Newport Way Library.

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

Minutes Submitted By: Chad Davis, Board Secretary

Bellevue Libraries March Report

Global Reading Challenge

Bellevue Region Facilitators: Erin Ostrander and Larence Wawro

This year's Global Reading Challenge started up in late September, when area elementary schools confirmed their participation in this program that KCLS has conducted since the fall of 2000. The real excitement came a week or so later, though, when the list of six books, selected by a committee of KCLS children's librarians, was announced. Erin and Larence delivered to the schools one set of books per each six-student team of 4th and 5th graders, and then sat back a bit while the students started reading, learning, and practicing.

In late January our real work began, and, for three weeks, one Children's Librarian and one Page headed out to each of the school to conduct the approximately one hour long challenge. Teams compete by writing down their answers to true/false, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank and open ended questions pulled from the books. It's truly amazing how closely these students have read the books, how much they remember, and how they have to work together as a team to answer these questions. The winning team from each school progressed on to an intra-district round of competition (East Bellevue, West Bellevue, Mid Bellevue, and South Bellevue, which is comprised of the 5 schools in the Newport Way service area). We then brought those four winning teams together for the Bellevue District challenge on Thursday, March 7th, and enjoyed an amazingly close challenge; at the end of the three rounds of questions, the four teams had 95 points, 95 points, 100 points, and 100 points. One tiebreaker question later and we had our winner! The Clyde Hill Library Agents will be representing all of Bellevue at the East Regional Grand Challenge, the last stop on the GRC journey, against the winning teams from Mercer Island and Issaquah School Districts.

GRC is so important because it gives all students an opportunity to shine, especially those who aren't sports-oriented, and it also encourages those who want to achieve but maybe haven't quite excelled in school the way they want to.

Girls Who Code

Bellevue Region Facilitators: Adrianna Ibrahim and Anna-Marie Legaspi

The tech industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the country, and yet the number of female computer scientists is on a constant decline. The city of Bellevue continues to gain traction as part of the second biggest tech region in the country, and yet careers in this industry continue to elude young women in our community. KCLS fosters equity by removing barriers to opportunities, and so we are proud to host Girls Who Code in the ideaX Makerspace every Wednesday afternoon. Girls Who Code is a national program that aims to close the gender gap in technology and puts the fast-growing tech industry within reach of our young girls and women.

At the end of 2018, we were approached by a passionate 9th grader from International School who wanted to partner with the library to start a Girls Who Code club for middle and high schoolers. Her drive and enthusiasm for the program excited us, and we knew it would be the perfect fit for our ideaX teen programming. Even more fortuitous, we had two women with experience in the tech industry volunteer to lead our girls as facilitators. Now, each week we come together to work on a

Computer Science Impact Project with the theme of "Animal Safety." The girls are developing apps, animations, video games, and more in an effort to solve a real-world problem. Not only do they learn coding, they also gain experience planning and executing a project from start to finish within a safe and supportive sisterhood. We are honored to host this club and hope it continues to create opportunities through meaningful connection.

Circulation Statistics for the Bellevue Region for February 2019

BELLEVUE	80,606	83,062	-3%
CROSSROADS	28,847	30,866	-7%
LAKE HILLS	23,656	25,709	-8%
BELLEVUE TOTAL	133,109	139,637	-5%

Guest Speakers at Upcoming Library Advisory Board Meetings

Lisa Rosenblum – Executive Director: April 16th

Rochelle Brown and Kathy Key – Economic Empowerment: May 21st

Upcoming Events

March 25th Lisa Rosenblum presenting to Bellevue City Council

April 13th 8:30-11:00am: Annual Library Advisory Board Forum. Location: Service Center