

# 2009 KCLS Board of Trustees Retreat Agenda

Saturday, September 12, 1-5pm

KCLS Service Center Board Room



## Part One: 1-1:45pm

Three speakers present views on their areas of expertise, which are topics that continue to affect the region.

- Social Services: *Jon Fine, CEO of United Way of King County*, will discuss the social service needs and challenges the county is facing.
- Economy: *Sam Kaplan, Vice President of the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle*, will offer an informed view of the economic climate of the region.
- Government: *State Senator Fred Jarrett* will share his perspective on the mood of the electorate, the situation with State Government, public education funding and the fiscal outlook for local governments.

## Part Two: 1:45-2:30pm

KCLS Administrative staff report on how the Future Services Strategy can best position KCLS to deal with the issues raised in Part One of the retreat. The focus will be on what the Library System is currently doing, plans to do and what can potentially be done to respond to the changing nature, economy and needs of the communities it serves.

### **30-Minute Break: refreshments will be provided**

## Part Three: 3-5pm

KCLS Board of Trustee members discuss their vision for KCLS within the environment, constraints and challenges faced.

- Staff will be available to assist Board members in their deliberations about the policies, strategies and principles that will lead KCLS to remain relevant to the lives of the people in the area.
  - The following questions may be considered:
    - *What are we good at (that the public values)?*
    - *Where are our weak spots (that the public values), and what do we invest a lot of time and energy in that is not highly valued by the public?*
    - *What, within our mission and resources, gives us the greatest opportunities for excellent service that matches the community's highest needs/values and how can we focus our energies/resources in that direction?*
- Board members may also weigh in on the Future Services Strategy or any other KCLS planning efforts (i.e. budgets, construction plans) to ensure the direction fits their vision for KCLS.