

# BELLEVUE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

March 17, 2009

Lake Hills Library



## **Board Present:**

Doris Burrell, Chiho Lai, Eric Palo, Dolores Robertson, Robin Rothschild & Robert Viens

## **Others Present:**

Chapple Langemack, Dri (Adrienne) Ralph, Wendy Pender, & Rebecca Tuck (all of KCLS) & Andrew Peabody (Bellevue Resident)

## **Minutes:**

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as distributed.

## **New Lake Hills Library:**

Dri showed copies of a preliminary DRAFT concept plan for the new Lake Hills Library. KCLS is constrained in how much they can do since we will only be tenants in the shopping center that has yet to be built. We will be making the "tenant improvements" within a 10,000 sq. foot shell of part of the building. By putting air handling ducts and wiring under a raised floor, maximum flexibility can be retained.

Other items discussed included; a second book return at pedestrian level, the location and function of the multipurpose room, the movable wall/door to the room and noise control, computer stations, windows in staff areas, and staff parking.

Sometime in the next two months KCLS hopes to present the space concept to the public at an open meeting. It was suggested that the Community Center building, next door to the current library, would be a good location because it has more meeting space. The constructions should start this year and occupancy would be 12-15 months later.

## **Lake Hills Library:**

Wendy has now been at Lake Hills eight months and reports that, like most libraries, both Lake Hills and Crossroads are seeing big increases in patron traffic.

The library has been very successful with programming at Crossroads. The recent Friends of the Library foreign language book sale was a big hit. Chinese story time had to be split into two sessions because so many parents and children wanted to

attend. Events at the stage in the center of the mall are very popular. About 130 people came for an Indian story teller. (The library does programming there every Friday.)

The Museum of History and Industry (among other places) is celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition (AYP) in Seattle and the library is doing programming to tie into that theme. This includes some dog events (sled dog tie-in) at Lake Hills.

Saturday income tax help could use more “customers.” The new lead library assistant at Lake Hills is a welcome addition to the staff, and not just for her unflappability (she is a retired fire fighter).

### **Bellevue Regional Library:**

The library won the “Community Treasure” award from the Bellevue Downtown Association this month.

The new digital microfilm reader printer is proving very popular. The whole library is popular; door count shows that traffic is up 12% and parking very hard to find.

[I have invented a new word to describe people who stop in the parking lot when they see people heading for their car and wait for them to leave so they can get the spot. That is to vultch (as in a vulture waiting for their prey to die).] There is a lot of vultching going on in the parking lot at the Bellevue library these days!



Other events included, The Literary Lions Gala on March 7<sup>th</sup> which was a lot of work but a great success and another event with 150 people showing up to hear job coach Robin Ryan talk about finding work.

### **Other Library News:**

Speaking of finding work, May 1-8 will be “Look To Your Library” week in all KCLS branches, focusing on job & employment resources at the libraries. That week all the Bellevue branches will open one hour early.

The Big Read for this year at KCLS will be *Call of the Wild*, another AYP tie-in.

With some changes in procedure/functionality by Apple, the library hopes to soon offer patrons the ability to download to their iPods.

The Bellevue Friends of the Library continues to be a huge supporter of the



three libraries. In 2008 they distributed \$73,321 in these categories:

- Bellevue Children: \$11,062
- Bellevue Young Adult: \$ 1,022
- Bellevue Adult: \$ 3,164
- Bellevue Special Requests: \$18,863 (Includes \$11,500 for book collection)
- Lake Hills Children: \$ 5,956
- Lake Hills Young Adult: \$ 2,159
- Lake Hills Special Requests: \$ 185
- Crossroads: \$ 2,213
- Reach Out Grants: \$17,513
- Plants/Maintenance: \$ 1,709
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events: \$ 6,523
- Friends Events: \$ 2,951

### **Library Board:**

Minutes for meetings back to June 2007 have been posted at the KCLS Bellevue Library Board site < <http://www.kcls.org/bellevue/board.cfm> >. Chapple will add future minutes after they are approved.

President Rob will call the Bellevue Mayor to urge the City Council to fill the current vacant position on the Board and to move forward on filling the other one that is opening up when Eric's final term ends in May.

If that doesn't get results, Board members will go to a City Council meeting to speak during the public session about the vacancies.

Nominations for Board officers are due in April and elections take place at the May meeting.

Some other boards have blogs. Do we want to have one?

See Redmond < <http://redmondlibrary.blogspot.com/> > and Newport Way < <http://blogs.kcls.org/newportway/> > or < [http://www.myspace.com/kcls\\_newportway](http://www.myspace.com/kcls_newportway) > for examples.

### **Schedule of Board Meetings and Major Topics:**

- April 21 @ BRL – **Nominations for New Board Officers**
- May 19 @ Lake Hills - **Summer Reading & Elections of Officers**
- June 16 @ BRL - **Role of Bellevue libraries during area disasters/Emergency preparedness**

- July 21 @ Lake Hills - KCLS Foundation
- August – No Meeting
- September 15 @ BRL - Reference Services
- October 20 @ Lake Hills - Library Outreach
- November 17 @ BRL - To Be Determined
- December – No Meeting

**The next meeting**

Tuesday April 21, 4pm @ Bellevue Regional Library.