

BELLEVUE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

May 19, 2009

Lake Hills Library



Board Present:

Doris Burrell, Chiho Lai, Eric Palo, Andrew Peabody, Robin Rothschild, & Robert Viens.

Others Present:

Chapple Langemack & Beth Rosania (both of the KCLS Bellevue Cluster)

Minutes:

For the Bellevue Library Board meetings of March seventeen and April twenty one the Board members thought and considered and the minutes were approved by everyone.

Summer Programming:



Beth Rosania, the new Bellevue Cluster children's services supervisor talked about KCLS 2009 summer reading, which, as before, will include story times, events, and entertainment galore.

The program will begin June 15 and is called "Be Creative @ Your Library."

It will have an open competition with prizes for reading leaving the young hungry – hungry for more!

There are three final prizes (one in each of three regions) that will be awarded.

It will be a laptop computer with which three children will be rewarded.

It was only by the generous help from the KCLS Foundation that this could be afforded.

The funny DVD cartoon developed to publicize the event was thought to be keen!

KCLS has a companion summer program called, "Express @ Your Library" that is just for the teen.

It also has prizes, but if a flip-camera is as good as a computer remains to be seen.



This summer there will again be "Ready-Set-Read." Children are bused in from various schools as they need and they can choose a free book to keep to read and read and read.

The library is also working with Sherwood Elementary School on a state library grant to introduce the Big6™ Skills as a tool to teach information literacy and information evaluation as a rule. (For more information, see: <http://www.big6.com/>)



The library is working on a math and science program called the "Big Idea" that introduces these concepts into early literacy efforts. For instance, to cook a tortilla you need to know about heat and you have to add North and South to find out how many people there are in Korea.

No Librarians in Bellevue Schools?

To be a school librarian you first have to be a teacher that is certified. Next year in the Bellevue schools, because of budget cuts they say it is justified, all middle and high school librarians go back to the classroom they have been notified.

The libraries will remain open but run by only a library assistant. We hope that the city parents to this plan they will be resistant. If you are one of those who, for more information you are insistent, see page 2-3 of the "Frequently Asked Questions about Bellevue School District Budget Reductions" document at the BSD website. <http://www.bsd405.org/Portals/0/administration/Budget/BSD%20Budget%20Reductions%20Q%20and%20A%20May%202021%202009.pdf>

Light Rail Proposals:

Sound Transit has “decided” that although they like the tunnel option for light rail in downtown Bellevue (C3T), using only the money they have now it is sure to fail. If more money can’t be found surface option going by the library (C4A) is the one that will sail.

Other Items:

- * Inside the Bellevue library has been added an automated check-in station.
- * Come on the 19th for ground breaking at the new Lake Hills Library and add your ovation.
- * A new collection called “Just-In-Time” has been created for items with a combination of low use but high value. It is in Preston and when holds are placed items will be retrieved without hesitation.
- * The system and the cluster are in the process of drafting Service Priorities for 2010.
- * KCLS is likely in 2010-11 to ask the voters for an increase in the operating levy again.
- * Robert Bowman will be joining BRL as head of reference.
He is moving to Bellevue from another KCLS cluster with all due deference.
- * KCLS has formally adopted the policy that, on system property, there should not be any outside sales.
(This lets FOL book sales continue, a ban on Girl Scouts cookies now prevails.)
- * On May 30 from 10am-5pm at Crossroads the “Digital Bookmobile” hails.
(See <http://www.digitalbookmobile.com/>)



Board Meetings Schedule:

Chapple will post the meeting schedule on the Board website.

Eric asked the Board if consider they might a meeting once or twice a year after twilight.

Encourage community members to attend and give feedback the time just might.

Library Board:

By acclamation, the Board elected new officers for the next year as follows:

- President: Andrew
- Vice President: Doris
- Secretary: Robin

(With Eric leaving there is now a vacant position on the Board.)

Schedule of Future Board Meetings and Major Topics:

- June 16 @ BRL – New Board officers take over. KCLS Foundation
- July 21 @ Lake Hills - Role of Bellevue libraries during area disasters/Emergency preparedness
- 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 June 16, 4pm @ Bellevue Regional Library.