

Minutes Bellevue Library Board

January 19, 2010 Crossroads Community Room

Board present: Andrew Peabody, Chiho Lai, Robert Veins, Alice Tow

Library Staff: Wendy Pender

Andrew called the meeting at 4:05pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Correspondence: Wendy mentioned that someone wrote a letter as a private citizen regarding Proposition One in the Bothell Reporter. The library has received questions about what else is on the ballot besides Proposition One. The other measures include school levies and the Renton library annexation.

Bellevue Library Manager's Report: Tonight is the 2nd public meeting regarding the new Lake Hills Library. Wendy discussed the 800 square feet increase at the new library. There will be two small study rooms and a meeting room available. The cyber bar will have more outlets for people to plug their computers into. The processing room will be smaller. So far, the new library is on schedule to open in the spring. There was a question regarding the book drop location since it will be located at the library level. Wendy will check to see if the elevators will have 24 hour access to the book drop.

Friends of the Library will hold a World Language book sale on February 6th from 10am to 2pm in Crossroads mall, near the Crossroads library. Books will start at 25 cents.

Teresa Luengo Report on Fiestas de Alfabetizacion

The program started four years ago. It targets 0-5 year olds and their caregivers. The format consists of eight 1 ½ hour workshops conducted in Spanish. Although registration is not required, space is limited to 20 to 30 participants depending on location. Two trained facilitators work with the families on teaching early literacy skills to the children. The program consists of a craft, snack, literacy activity, interactive activity and a home connection assignment. It currently receives its funding from KCLS foundation. The program has reached over 1700 participants so far and distributed over 700 books.

Old Business: The board accepted Doris's resignation due to health issues at the previous meeting. There is no information from the city clerk's office regarding new applicants yet. The open advisory board position was advertised in the Bellevue Reporter.

New Business: As of January 1st, 2010 KCLS is no longer offering proctored exams. There were too many logistical difficulties. Chiho suggested making a list of other available proctoring sites. Wendy mentions such a list is being developed.

Next meeting is February 16th at Bellevue Library. The topic will be electronic resources.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.