

Minutes Bellevue Library Board March 16, 2010

Board Present: Andrew Peabody, Alice Tow, Robert Viens, Dolores Robertson, Luanne Rosenfeld, Robin Rothschild.

Library Staff: Chapple Langemack, Dri Ralph

Andrew Peabody called the meeting to order at 4 pm.

Staff Presentation: Dri Ralph gave us an update on the Lake Hills Library. There was some delay but the project is going well. Library staff will keep close watch on the interior construction and contractor. The book drop will be on the second floor, accessible by elevator. Staff will see how this works. The book drop location is a challenge for this site. She is hoping for a July opening.

Public discussion of the new parking garage at Bellevue Library will be held during the April meeting. The project will have an impact on that corner. The current plan is to access the underground garage by cutting across the play field. There will be a lot of juggling to make parking for the library as good as possible during the project. The project is now scheduled in spring of 2011.

Newport Way Library will have a temporary holds pick up facility at Factoria Mall. Newcastle Library probably will be built this year. With the recent election results, the city council is now eager to see the construction start.

The system hasn't found a good tool for video conferencing at this time. This will be easy to add later. So far there isn't anything great for library patrons.

KCLS has recently welcomed the Renton Library to the system. Plans are afoot for new furniture and maintenance. Staff is currently clearing space for a meeting room and study carrels. Renton facilities include the downtown library and the Highlands branch.

Cluster Manager's Report: Metro is taking 3 more spaces along the side of the Bellevue Library building.

Lake Hills will add Sunday hours while Newport is closed.

Renton is very interesting, the whole system has to be converted. They are using two cards at the moment. The staff is being integrated into KCLS including public services and support staff.

Literary Lions Report: There were lots of people and it was pretty crowded. People liked being able to meet all the authors. Richard Russo was a great speaker and very easy to work with. He will be donating signed books in several languages to the book shop.

President of Bellevue Friends Report: Luanne stated that everything is going well with the friends. The Buck a Bag sale will be on March 27th.

There are eight excellent applicants for the three open board positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

The next meeting will be on April 20th at 4 pm in the Bellevue Library, room 5.

The public is invited.