

Minutes Bellevue Library Board October 20th Lake Hills Library

Board Present: Andrew Peabody , Doris Burrell, Robin Rothschild, Robert Viens, Dolores Robertson, Chiho Lai, Alice Tow **Library Staff:** Chapple Langemack, Wendy Pender, **Guest:** Nancy Smith KCLS Outreach Director

Andrew called the meeting to order at 5:10.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Guest Presentation: For a long time, the KCLS traveling Library Center has provided services to seniors. In recent years the two ABC Express vans have served children at daycare centers and low income housing. But these two vans can't go everywhere; there often isn't space for them. The Future Services Committee noted that libraries are doing a fine job inside their buildings, but library outreach services needed attention. The bond passage had money included for outreach. After quite a bit of research these funds were used to purchase 5 Dodge Sprinters. These vehicles can be used in local neighborhoods and can be driven by regular library staff. Four of these vehicles will be used in the Library to Go Program expanding library service to licensed daycare homes, and Ecap and headstart programs. The program will start by using staff volunteers; driving lessons are available for staff willing to drive. Libraries will have to look at what they can stop doing to make staff available for this program. Each vehicle will hold 2,000 items and each cluster will have a vehicle to use one week a month.

The fifth vehicle will have specialized software for teens to do graphic design, gaming, etc. It will be stocked with Macs and function as a teen zone on wheels. It will be called the DDZ for digital design zone. The vehicles are scheduled to arrive around next May. The new services are planned to start in the fall of 2010. A second phase will be to expand service to seniors.

KCLS has Books for Babies which is another way to promote early literacy. KCLS Outreach programs include several volunteer programs; Study Zone tutors; Netmasters to teach computer classes and Words on Wheels where volunteers select and deliver materials to homebound individuals.

This year KCLS has a Volunteer Coordinator who will track hours worked and what is accomplished in those hours. It is estimated that KCLS receives at least \$700,000 worth of volunteer services.

Lake Hills/Crossroads report: volunteer Amber Slaven taught some highly successful computer classes at Lake Hills. The KCLS Tech Lab will be reaching computer classes at Lake Hills in Chinese and Spanish. Alaric Bien, Executive Director of CISC, is helping to distribute a library survey written in Chinese for Chinese readers. The hope is to have a Chinese book discussion group. The Bellevue Friends will be giving out free books to children on Halloween in all three Bellevue Libraries. Espeth Savani is performing at Crossroads for Day of the Dead ceremonies.

Cluster Manager's Report: There will be a KCLS budget hearing at the Bellevue Library on November 4th at 3pm. Flyers for Proposition 1 are now available to the public. Staff are being trained on what they can and cannot say to support the proposition. The unveiling of the Ghandi statue drew about 500 people and caused some controversy. The building for the new Lake Hills Library is looking good. Global Reading Challenge is once again underway for fifth graders.

Next Meeting: Bill and Julie will present the KCLS 1010 Budget. Meeting adjourned at 5:10.

