

Minutes Bellevue Library Board May 18th

Board present: Andrew Peabody, Chiho Lai, Robert Viens, Judy Bailey, Alice Tow, Robin Rothschild, Peter Maxim

Library Staff: Chapple Langemack, Wendy Pender, Beth Rosania

Andrew called the meeting to order at 4:06. We welcomed new member Peter Maxim. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Staff Presentation Beth Rosania, lead children's librarian for the Bellevue Cluster, showed a DVD promoting the KCLS summer reading program, Make a Splash, Read. Beth then told us more about the program which has two parts, one for children 4 and under and one for children 5 and up. All participants receive a notebook when they reach the halfway point and an underwater pen. Sign ups start on June 14th, prizes are issued from July 14th on. The program ends on August 14th. All the children who complete the program participate in a drawing for a grand prize. Three children 4 and under will win a free one year family pass to Kidsquest. Three children 5 and up will win a laptop computer. Beth anticipates about 2000 children in Bellevue will join the program. She told us about some of the programs being offered this summer at the Bellevue Regional Library, Crossroads and Bellevue Parks. Because of the pending move to the new building, programs that would usually be at Lake Hills are moved to other sites.

Lake Hills, Crossroads Manager's Report: Wendy was unable to schedule a May hard hat tour of the new Lake Hills Library. The current schedule is for Lake Hills Library to close June 26th and reopen at new building about July 26th. These dates are not firm. She showed us the new layout. Lake Hills and Crossroads are now sequestering their DVDs in response to a high level of theft.

Cluster Manager's Report : While the Newport Library is closed the Lake Hills library is open on Sundays. The closure has resulted in a marked increase in activity at Lake Hills.

Friends of the Library Report: The Friends experience a sudden rise in theft of DVD's and other materials. Changes in the shop layout solved most of the problem. All Library Board Members are welcome at the Friends Annual meeting, Friday June 4th at 10:30 am at the Bellevue Library.

New Business: A motion to elect nominations as a slate was seconded and passed, electing Andrew Peabody as President, Chiho Lai as Vice President and Alice Tow as secretary.

Chapple passed out letter from Bill Ptacek addressing a court ruling on library filters. KCLS will continue with their current policy which is in line with the new ruling.

Robert Viens bid us farewell and thanked us for an enjoyable time on the Board. Andrew thanked him for his service.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm. The next meeting will be at the Bellevue Library on June 15th. The Board will receive an overview of library reference services.

