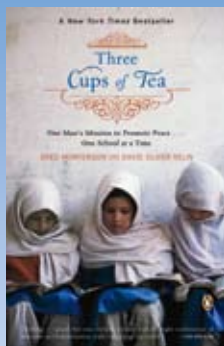
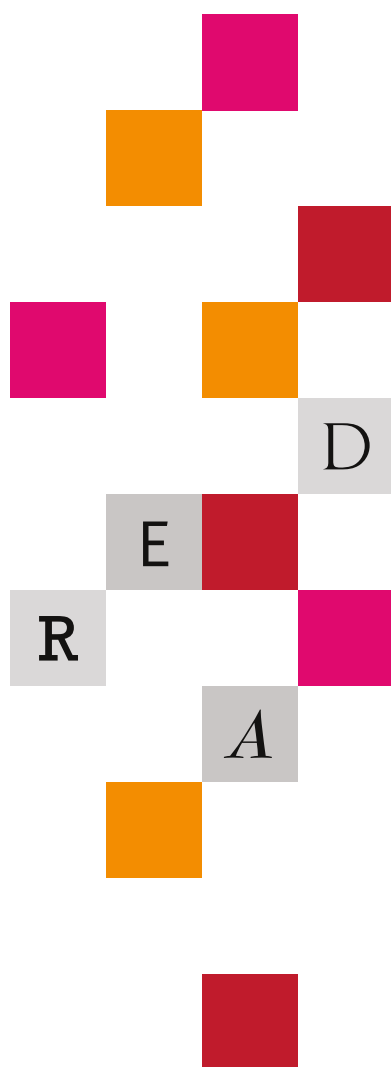


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Creating a community of readers



King County Reads @KCLS

In his bestselling and award-winning book, *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time*, Relin tells the stirring tale of Greg Mortenson, an American mountain climber and nurse who becomes an unlikely champion of education in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Relin is an investigative journalist who is committed to increasing awareness about critical human rights issues.

The KCLS Foundation is co-sponsoring this event, which will take place at the Highline Performing Arts Center in Burien on Tuesday, October 28 at 7pm. For more information, visit www.kcls.org.

What's Your Library Story?

Remember the day you received your first library card? Do you recall your childhood library—or librarian? Or a book that changed your life?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we'd like to hear from you.

For many of us, signing up for our first library card was a rite of passage and a passport into the exciting world of books and reading. We vividly recall the sights and sounds (and sometimes, smells) of our childhood library. Often, we remember a particular book or author that changed the course of our life.

Libraries have a special place in our hearts and in our community. The King County Library System Foundation wants to hear your library story. Your story may be featured on our web site or you may be selected to talk about why the library is important to you on our new video.

Send me an email or give me a call (jthorsen@kcls.org or 425.369.3450).

Jeanne Thorsen, Executive Director

"I grew up in a small town where the library was co-located with the county museum in the old courthouse. The museum had a stuffed two-headed calf and bins of WWI helmets, which were of great interest to young boys, but even more fascinating were the books! I could not wait to get home to have my books read to me."

~Dr. Patrick Taylor, KCLS Foundation Board

Read • Flip • Win Captures the Curiosity and Talents of Teen Readers

Capitalizing on teen tech know-how, the Foundation challenged teens to turn their book reviews into videos and sponsored the **Read•Flip•Win** contest this summer. An extension of the **Read 3, Get 1 Free** program where teens receive a free book for writing three reviews, this new program offered an opportunity to combine storytelling, scripting, shooting, editing, and showcasing their talents.

With just a one-month window for submitting entries, more than three dozen teams sent in amazingly creative pieces posted on YouTube. Judges had a difficult time choosing the winning and honorable mention entries. "It wasn't easy to pick our winners," said KCLS Teens Services Librarian Jennifer Wooten. "We had lots to choose from because participation was even greater than expected and showcased an incredible range of talent."

For grand prize winners Clara McMichael and Gina O'Kelley, the new Flip video camera is "cool," but not the primary motivation for participating. "We just thought it would be a fun thing to do," said Gina

O'Kelley, an eighth-grader at Sylvester Middle School. "Clara and I knew we had very different opinions of the book *Twilight* by Stephanie Meyer, so



Clara McMichael and Gina O'Kelley

we thought it would be interesting to do a review that presented both sides."

Since both girls love writing and storytelling, the concept developed easily. It was the technical side of the project that threw them some curves. "We learned a lot about editing," said Clara McMichael, a seventh-grader at Pacific Middle School. "And we had to overcome some sound problems, too, so it was a good learning experience."

Gina and Clara said their video review has already been viewed more than 500 times and has led to

a commission from the South King County Culture Coalition for their production company, Randumb Films (www.randumbfilms.com) to do promotional videos.

For Mt. Rainier 12th-graders Shayla Ellis and Cynthia Wilson, honorable mention winners for their movie trailer of *Alice, I Think*, the incentive was translating the ideas they saw in their heads into a visual format they could share with others. "It took us a long time to decide on a book we liked that we thought would move from the page to pictures fluidly," said Shayla Ellis, "but once we decided on *Alice, I Think*, the story-boarding went very quickly."

Grand Prize: Flip video camera for the trailer of *Flipped*

Grand Prize: Flip video camera for the review of *Twilight*

Runner-up: MP3 player for the review of *The Odyssey*

Honorable Mentions: *Fahrenheit 451*, *Lord of the Flies*, *Amazing Grace*, *A Dog's Tale*, and *Alice, I Think*.

To see the winning videos, visit www.kcls.org/teens/rfw/index.cfm#watch.

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KCLS Foundation Honors Friends of the Libraries

The KCLS Foundation honored ten Friends of the Library with awards for outstanding service earlier this year. Friends raise funds, support library programming, and provide the special touches that enhance local libraries.

Lynne Swoope, Bellevue Friends of the Library, received the Lifetime Achievement Award, honoring her 25 years of leadership. Dorothy Gilroy, Redmond Friends of the Library, received the Friend of the Year award. A Special Award was presented to Carol Thomas, White Center Library Guild, for her outstanding work on behalf of Early Literacy and the Books for Babies program.



KCLS Director Bill Ptacek and Lynne Swoope, Friends of the Library Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.

Eight dedicated Friends were acknowledged for their special contribution and inducted into the Friends Hall of Fame.

The KCLS Foundation has honored more than 100 Friends for their outstanding contributions since 1998.

Alexander McCall Smith Delights Readers

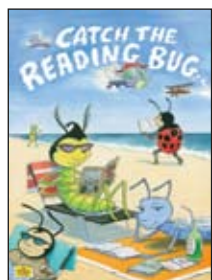
The KCLS Foundation and the Bellevue Friends of the Library hosted renowned author Alexander McCall Smith and delighted an audience of nearly 400 fans.



KCLS Foundation President Dean Smith, Alexander McCall Smith, and Shari Wetherby

Describing his condition of ‘serial novelism,’ he talked about his books noting that “ownership of the characters passes to the readers.” He said that “Fiction doesn’t have to deal with the great big, important issues. In small things you can see the big issues of life. The world is wide, but it is the corners that are comfortable.”

Summer Reading Program Engages Eager Readers



Catch the Reading Bug grabbed the attention of more than 40,000 young readers this summer—readers eager to discover new

books, track their reading minutes, and claim their prize binoculars.

Pizza Hut encourages kids to read and is a major supporter of the Summer Reading Program, providing free personal pan pizzas to young readers who reached the 500 reading-minute mark. Kids who completed 1,000 minutes of reading received binoculars and qualified to win grand prizes, including laptops. New this year: a preschool summer reading game attracted kids and parents.

With KCLS Foundation support, the library also featured, the popular **Read 3, Get 1 Free Summer Edition** for teens. More than 3,200 teens participated, and qualified to win a laptop computer and other prizes. See accompanying story on the new **Read•Flip•Win** contest featuring teen book reviews.

In addition to general support for this vital program, the KCLS Foundation provides funding for school buses to bring summer school students to the library to participate in programs. For more information on summer reading activities, visit www.kcls.org/srp.



Covington Library Summer Readers created artwork that shows their appreciation for the program

Save the Date: Literary Lions Gala, March 7, 2009

Garth Stein is the author of the New York Times best selling literary novel, *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, and the featured speaker at the KCLS Foundation’s Literary Lions Gala.

Published in 23 languages, *The Art of Racing in the Rain* was the #1 BookSense selection for June, 2008, the Starbucks spring/summer 2008 book selection, and has been on the bestseller list since its publication. Stein’s previous novel, *How Evan Broke His Head and Other Secrets*, won a Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Award, and was a BookSense Pick in both hardcover and paperback.



Lynn G. Schrader, CFRE, Director of Major & Planned Gifts

Gifts of Retirement Plan Assets

Did you know that you can name the King County Library System Foundation as the primary or contingent beneficiary of your retirement assets? Retirement assets include Individual Retirement Accounts, 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans, Keogh plans and other qualified retirement plans. By designating the KCLS Foundation as the beneficiary of your IRAs and other qualified retirement plans, you can fulfill your estate planning and charitable goals, while reducing or eliminating income and estate taxes. Since the KCLS Foundation is tax-exempt, no income tax is paid. Thus, the useful amount of your gift is greater than if it had been left to heirs. While your retirement assets may be subject to estate tax, this will be offset by the charitable deduction your estate will receive for making the gift.

Bequests from retirement accounts are usually simpler than bequests in a will. Simply change your IRA or qualified retirement plan beneficiary forms to designate the KCLS Foundation, and, if you desire, additional charities that you care about. There is no need to have your attorney redraft your will. However, you should consult your professional legal and tax advisors about the consequences of your legacy gift to your particular situation.

There are many creative, tax-advantaged ways to make a charitable gift. For more information on how you can leave a legacy for literacy, learning, and libraries by naming the KCLS Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement assets or including a charitable bequest to the KCLS Foundation in your will, contact (Mr.) Lynn G. Schrader, CFRE, Director of Major & Planned Gifts, at GiftPlanning@kcls.org or 425.369.3225.

Check It Out: Used Books for Sale from the KCLS Foundation

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Creating a Community of Readers—and Saving Trees

The KCLS Foundation 2007 Annual Report is available online. We printed a limited number of copies this year, and if you would like one mailed to you, please send an email to foundation@kcls.org or call 425.369.3448.

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- I am interested in charitable gifts that result in payments being made for life to me and/or other persons.
- Please note I have already provided for the KCLS Foundation through my estate plan.