

LAKE FOREST PARK LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

25 SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Maureen Kerschbaum (chair), Rita Requa, Catherine Kernan, Shannon McLeod, Alexa Johnson, Lisa Rosenblum (KCLS Executive Director), Deirdre Miller (KCLS Interim Regional Manager), Naomi Fogerty (KCLS Lake Forest Park Branch Manager), Robin McClelland (KCLS Board of Trustees), Kathleen Fernandes (secretary)

ABSENT: Diana McQuay

- Introductions
 - We welcomed our special guest Lisa Rosenblum, the new Executive Director of the King County Library System, as well as Robin McClelland, a member of the KCLS Board of Trustees, Naomi Fogerty, the new manager of the Lake Forest Park Library, and Deirdre Miller, Interim Regional Manager.

- Lisa Rosenblum, Executive Director
 - Ms. Rosenblum discussed the value of library advisory committees to the community and the library system. She is meeting with each committee and taking questions about library services. She also encourages members of the committee to attend City Council meetings.
 - For the future, she anticipates maintaining the current high level of services while looking at examining additional services to reach the underserved and an increasingly diverse population in the county. She wishes to maintain the richness of the collection and support a responsive staff offering library programs. In order to support the collection, programs, and services, KCLS will request a levy lid lift in 2020.
 - While some internal operations may be changed, there are no major gaps in service and collections.
 - In response to a question about adding Sunday hours at our library, Ms. Rosenblum noted that staff and budget are finite, but that the system is maintaining Sunday hours in each region. In our region, the Shoreline Library is open on Sundays from 11 am to 7 pm.
 - There are no new branches being planned now, but there is a capital improvement budget for maintaining existing buildings.
 - Following national trends, circulation of print materials is declining at KCLS, but circulation of digital materials is rising. KCLS has the highest circulation of OverDrive downloads in the country. Use of print magazines is declining, in part because of fewer periodicals being published at all, but KCLS offers streaming digital magazines through RBDigital (www.kcls.org →Online Library→Magazines and Newspapers). Within branches, use of desktop computers is declining, but many patrons bring their own devices to use within the building. There is an increasing demand for meeting spaces among patrons of all ages, so more seating is required.

- KCLS Manager's Report
 - Deirdre Miller reports that interviews are underway to hire a new children's librarian. She expects that the new librarian will be hired soon and children's story times will be resumed.
 - The Summer Reading Program for all ages was very successful, with especially high demand for the Wild Waves tickets that were a reading prize. Lake Forest Park had 672 people sign up for the program, of whom 263 finished.
 - On 45 days over the summer, KCLS staff and volunteers provided lunch for children ages 1 to 18. They served 1,106 lunches in total as well as giving away 521 books (courtesy of the KCLS Foundation)
 - In August alone, over 18,000 items were checked out from the Lake Forest Park Library and 150 new patrons registered for library cards. For the year to date, Lake Forest Park has seen an 18% increase in new patron registrations over 2017 and has had over 141,000 items checked out.

- READS Wrap Up
 - Once again, the READS program was warmly received by the community with a good turnout for author Laurie Frankel's appearance at Third Place Commons. Both she and Gender Diversity wrote to express their delight with the program.
 - While Nextdoor.com is an effective way to reach the community, we believe that next year we should post information about the program in "general notifications," not "events."
 - We discussed the idea of having KCLS bring the Library2Go van to the Farmers Market on the same Sunday that the committee staffs an information table for the READS program. Deirdre will be able to tell us more about the possibility in March.
 - Responding to community feedback, we will examine next year's book in light of being discussable (as book clubs prefer) and family friendly (as we heard from many parents).

- New Business
 - 2019 meeting dates: March 27, June 26, September 25, December 4
 - **Next meeting: December 5, 2018**

- What We're Reading
 - *Fear: Trump in the White House* by Bob Woodward
 - *Whiskey When We're Dry* by John Larison
 - *The Patriarch* by Martin Walker
 - *The Ruin* by Dervla McTiernan
 - *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan
 - *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel Cleeton
 - *Still Life* by Louise Penny (first in the Chief Inspector Gamache series)
 - *Etta and Otto and Russell and James* by Emma Hooper
 - *Educated: a Memoir* by Tara Westover

- *Tangerine* by Christine Mangan
- *The Distant Hours* by Kate Morton
- *Spinning Silver* by Naomi Novik
- *Hope Never Dies* by Andrew Shaffer
- *Transcription* by Kate Atkinson
- *Suicide Club* by Rachel Heng
- *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells (first in the Murderbot series)