

# Renton Library Advisory Board



## Meeting Minutes

Renton Library, 100 Mill Avenue South, Renton WA

King Parker Room

May 18, 2016 ~ 5:30 p.m.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Erica Richey called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

#### **In Attendance**

Members: Laurie Beden, Lynne King, Catherine Ploue-Smith, Erica Richey, Kim Unti

City Staff: Margie Beitner

KCLS Staff: Amy Egler, Laurie Finlayson, Fred Gurney, Bekka Martin, Jennifer Wooten

### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Laurie Beden made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kim Unti seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, agenda approved.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Catherine Ploue-Smith made a motion to approve the April 2016 minutes as presented, Kim Unti seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

### **IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **VI. CITY REPORT / Kelly Beymer**

No report for May meeting due to presentation by Library staff.

### **VII. KCLS REPORT/Amy Egler**

Amy Egler updated the board on issues related to the parking garage at the Highlands Library. She noted that KCLS had just put up additional signs and have been looking into security cameras. KCLS is meeting with Renton Police Commanders to familiarize the police with the values of the Library and to build positive relationships with the Police Department. They will also complete a walk-thru of the parking garage with the Police to identify problem areas and possible solutions or ideas to improve security issues.

Amy indicated there has been some negative feed-back from citizens as to why they put a library in this location mainly due to the break-ins and drug problems associated with this neighborhood. She pointed out that the idea of creating this new environment and connections in the community would hopefully help to establish a safer community for

citizens living in this area. Amy noted that KCLS appreciates the support of the Library Advisory Board members and thanked them for their continued support. Kim Unti mentioned that the Parking Garage is secluded and thought security cameras would be a great idea.

Fred Gurney introduced the KCLS Librarians and their specific program areas. The remainder of the meeting was set aside for presentation and programming highlights for the various programs offered by KCLS in Renton.

***Bekka Martin, Children's Librarian***

- Snap Circuit – 55 children and 13 adults. This is a hands-on team building exercise. Fun way for children to learn about circuits. The program was extended to 1-1/2 hours and it involves hands on-learning and also encourages children to develop problem solving skills.
- Take & Make Programs – KCLS put together totes to bring to different locations or groups. *Tote Titles: "Got Game"; 35 Piece Logo Challenge; Coloring & Coco; Photo Booth – enhancing different themes such as silly sports, Seahawks theme; Duct Tape; and Trivia.*
- Summer Reading Program – Library 2 Go! (Van)  
KCLS provides services with the Library 2 Go Van at various locations and events such as: Circus type act for Renton River Days in Liberty Park; Henry Moses Aquatic Center (Live Music); and Salvation Army.

***Jennifer Wooten, Teen Librarian***

- "Get in the Game Read" – Reading program for Teens with a chance to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet.
- Let's Read Outreach – Initiative working to bring Library services out to the community and have more programs at sites.
- Teen Talk – social justice workshops for teens and young adults. Topics discussed include such things as Poetry, Education, and Peace Circles – restorative justice. The Library brings in guest speakers (leaders in the community) to speak to the group. This encourages teens be open to discussion and allows teens to see there is a way to "fix" things in society.
- Renton Teen Round Table – Teen advisory board for Renton, Renton Highlands, Fairwood and Skyway. The advisory board wanted to have a job fair for teens. The teens are going out and contacting vendors as a way of building their personal skill set.

***Laurie Finlayson, Adult Services Librarian***

There are multiple programs offered for adults – a brief description of these programs was presented by Laurie. *Some examples are listed below:*

- Sasquatch!
- A Celebration of Joseph Brodsky (40 people in attendance)
- Android Program: Getting started with Android Smart Phones – AARP provided the class; there were 3 classes a day with 18 in attendance.
- Poetry Music “Where words and music meet.”
- Everyone’s Talking About It (Join in lively conversations about topics that matter).
- Introduction to Java Script
- Words, Words, Words – Word game for grownups.

Fred Gurney also mentioned some of the ongoing Social Service Programs and partnership agreements with community agencies.

- **Valley Cities Behavioral Health Care** – A volunteer comes in to the Library (Once per week on Mondays) – referral services pertaining to behavior health and addiction. (April 4 – June 20; from 2-5 p.m.)
- **ORCA LIFT** – Discounted rail or Metro Bus pass (50% off). This is a new program being offered this year. Income-qualified riders, ages 19 and older, can save 50% or more.
- **Work Source** – Worker retraining talks with people who are on unemployment and connects them with other resources. Outreach provided to Creston Point, 13445 ML King Way (large apartment complex).

Laurie Beden inquired about the youth members who attend the Teens social justice program. She asked if one of the teens from the group would be interested in coming to speak to the RLAB on “hot” issues or ideas on what teens feel will be important or useful programs in the future. Jennifer Wooten, Teen Librarian thought this could be a viable option. There were a couple teen members she felt might be willing to speak. Lynne King noted that the board is interested in the possibility of having a youth member and agreed this could be an alternative to bringing a youth member on board. It was also mentioned that the board could hold the meeting at the Renton Library on the occasions where the teen representative would speak; that way they would be in a location they are familiar with.

The RLAB members commented on the KCLS Library Outreach programs – and how fabulous it is that they are reaching out to the community. The board members thanked the Library staff for their presentations on the various programs offered by KCLS.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Erica Richey asked members to be ready to have a Bylaws discussion at next month's meeting. There was a brief discussion on the youth member and voting. One idea that was mentioned may be to invite youth representatives from the KCLS "Teen Talk" group to speak or report quarterly to RLAB instead of having a youth member on the board. This would help the board members understand what interests the youth have and how the library system can help support their needs.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

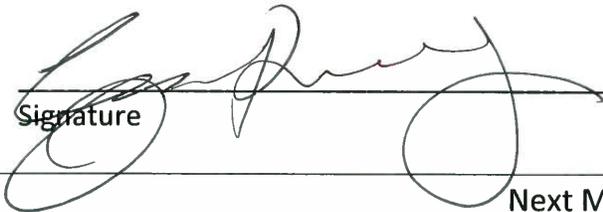
**X. INFORMATION**

No additional information provided.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Lynne King made a motion to adjourn the May meeting. Laurie Beden seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Signature



**Next Meetings:**

**June 15, 2016**

Renton City Hall  
Council Conference Room 7<sup>th</sup> floor



**July 20, 2016**

Renton City Hall  
Council Conference Room 7<sup>th</sup> floor

