

Renton Library Advisory Board



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**Meeting Minutes
Downtown Renton Library
King Parker Meeting Room
October 21, 2015 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Erica Richey called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

In Attendance

Members: Laurie Beden, Lynne King, Erica Richey, Catherine Ploue-Smith, Kim Unti
City Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner, Diane Wagner
KCLS Staff: Gary Wasdin, Fred Gurney, John Sheller
Guest: Dr. Art Jarvis, Rosevale Grace, Holly Sturgeon

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Laurie Beden made a motion to approve the September 2015 minutes with one correction, Lynne King seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, corrected minutes approved.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

The Board welcomed their guests and Friends of Renton Library Members and thanked them for coming to the meeting

VI. ACTION / BRIEFING

Terry Higashiyama introduced Dr. Art Jarvis, Renton School District Superintendent. Dr. Jarvis talked about collaborations with the Renton School District (RSD) and King County Library Systems (KCLS) and the City of Renton. He talked about the coordination with regards to summer lunch reading, having authors coming into schools, outlining homework, tutoring, reading lists, and RSD librarians teaching students how to use KCLS data/research through projects, just to name a few. He enjoys the healthy relationship, and although there are always budget concerns for construction, and issues such as stocking/filtering appropriate materials, he is happy with these partnerships in Renton.

Gary Wasdin, KCLS Director, discussed his appreciation of the relationship between the libraries, the City, and the Renton School District. He said he know libraries struggle and are stretched and wants to work effectively together beyond outreach, such as the resources and

buying materials and making sure they all have what they need. He says although we can't replace everything they are willing to help work together to use available resources.

He talked about a recently launched a project with the Bellevue School District where every student enrolled in the district's student database is uploaded into KCLS' patron database through an automated process that will eliminate the staff time otherwise needed to enter students manually. There will be a new KCLS patron type - "*Student*" - and the library card barcode will match the student's school ID number, making it easy for kids to remember their account number. *Student* cards will provide access to online resources only, allowing students to use KCLS databases and eBooks. *Student* cards will not be blocked because fines don't accumulate for online resources. Teachers will be able to direct their students to online resources with confidence knowing that there is guaranteed access at all times, and can remind students who forget that account login credentials are school ID numbers. Staff will monitor the program to determine how best to roll it out to other school districts in the future. There is also an opt-out for those who are not interested in participating. It is to encourage the teachers to be more engaging with students and the available programs.

He also talked about how some students who do not have computers, and there is a pretty big gap between those who do and those who don't and KCLS is discussing how to address this. They are trying to figure a solution. He mentioned that Renton has a lot of work going into WI-FI / wireless areas but that can be financially difficult. Trying to provide opportunities in Libraries. It's not just laptop/device issue but having internet at home. Seattle has hot spots where people are able to check out devices and KCLS is looking at this.

Flexibility is a must and key in testing and working with kids and the schools taking time to see what works / does not works. Setting priorities, empowering /encouraging each to work together; it's about having relationships and communicating and librarians connecting to make sure they have what they need.

He also talked about reaching out and possibly having after school programs at the schools where the kids are, possible working together with Libraries and reaching out. When it's working you see it flourishing with school / family engagement and support that continues beyond family liaison via community of school, good support, after school programs.

VII. CITY REPORT / Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner

Peter was unavailable to provide an update so Terry mentioned the Highlands Library is moving right along.

VIII. KCLS REPORT/JOHN SHELLER

John Sheller discussed stats and passed around copies of the electronic newsletter (Insights). He discussed the big summer programs and lots of numbers, even with two librarians retiring! He said they had 47 summer sessions / events, about 9,500 in attendance in all with many programs in the libraries and communities, such as Let's Read, Library2Go van, free lunch program and they issued about 250 cards during the pool swim sessions. He also said the

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Friends of Renton Libraries book sale last week raised \$1,000 and the new Skyway Library will open January 23 or 25 with a big celebration

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Terry Higashiyama said the plan is to work in the REACH Center this Saturday; meeting at 10am and working until noon for those who can attend.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Library Advisory Board Forum agenda passed out. Scheduled for November 4 at Renton Library.

X. INFORMATION

The latest brochures and flyers were included in the packet. The group talked about the Library Forum scheduled for November 4 at the downtown Renton Library and Lynne King made a motion to cancel the November meeting since the group would be attending the Forum. Catherine Ploue-Smith seconded. All were in favor, motioned carried, November meeting canceled.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Kim Unti made a motion to adjourn the October meeting. Lynne King seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Signature

	<p>December 8, 2015* 5:00 p.m. Renton History Museum Joint Holiday Function with other Boards & Commissions</p>	
	<p>January 20, 2016 5:30 p.m. Renton City Hall Council Conference Room 7th floor</p>	

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