

PRESENT

Kristine Anderson, Kara Simon, Murthy Srinivas, Paul Rojas, and KCLS Cascade Regional Manager Michele Drov Dahl

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM with four library board members present, via Teams

REGIONAL MANAGER REPORT

Michele Drodahl: Staff is training for reopening, although it is unknown when Redmond will reopen. There are logistics to figure out. A lot of staff are working from home, and more will need to be brought back into the building. Redmond's conference room is being turned into a studio. Staff can book it for programming. Programs are all online and available everywhere. Public Associate Training DEI training. KCLS has hired a DEI Director.

Still no timeline on when to reopen. Bigger buildings will be harder to reopen – rearranging for 6 feet apart, more cleaning.

Curbside Service: Tuesdays are the busiest – have gone over 500 appointments more than once. Ebooks – KCLS is the 3rd busiest system in the world.

Public Perspective on Reopening: Kris mentioned noticing some members of the public on local Facebook groups talking about bookstores and other shops opening and think the library should be able to open too. Another said she missed having the library as a place to study. One person mentioned having difficulty navigating the website and picking out books without being able to explore them better beforehand.

Michele responded that the KCLS website has book reviews. Novelist is a database about books available on the KCLS website. Patrons can put in characteristics and look for books based on those keywords.

Programming – changing emphasis to King County vs. Redmond programming.

Book Dropoff at Redmond: Although the library isn't advertising this, once staff has left the building for the day, the manual book drop (to the left of the entrance) has been opened up for drop-offs. Open at night and on weekends. Managers checking to see if bins are getting overly full.

Staff throughout the cluster are being rearranged to help out busier libraries. Redmond is busier than other smaller libraries in the system. There is a new librarian from Fall City / Snoqualmie who will now be working out of Redmond. She's a certified archivist. May work with Redmond Historical Society. Will be taking over from Jeannette's reference work.

Security – No issues.

Website Searching of Events – looks like all events are listed as online now (Murthy asked about this last time), making it easier to locate programs of interest.

Fines are waived through April at least.

COVID: Kent had an instance of a COVID employee go to work – library had to be sanitized. No instances at Redmond. Staff has been very careful with sanitizer and cleaning procedures. Everyone wears masks except for when they eat. Staying 6 feet apart.
Information about employees taken everyday

LIBRARY BOARD

There still is an open position on the board. Interviews will be conducted tomorrow. The candidates are:

Bree Norlander

Makarand Patwandhan

Clara Yuan

P.V. Sundar Balakrishnan

Kara will be taking over as Chair of the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Next meeting on Wednesday, March 3rd, at 5:30pm