PRESEN'T
Kristine Anderson, Kara Simon, Murthry Srinivas, Library Regional Manager Denise Bugallo, Adult Services Librarian Dan Shaffer, KCLS Community Engagement and Economic Development Manager Audrey Barbakoff

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM with three library board members present.

REPORT ON KCLS ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMMING
Audrey Barbakoff, KCLS Community Engagement and Economic Development Manager, spoke to the board about KCLS’s process of developing economic programming, with a strategic priority to build and support communities of equitable and resilient economic thriving. This means supporting people looking for work or furthering their education, or in building a business, and in other ways helping people achieve their economic goals.

In the process of research, KCLS determined several focus audiences in our region for economic programming, which include: New Adults (without a 4-year degree), Immigrant and Refugee micro-entrepreneurs, Adults in career transition, Creative entrepreneurs and free-lancers, Small Food Business, Workforce Intermediaries, Trade Contractors, and Technology workers. While these are the audiences that regionally KCLS has identified, locally each library will focus its programming depending on its community makeup.

In its research KCLS worked with groups like the Workforce Development Council, as well as with librarians to determine how the various sectors, including job seekers, employers, and entrepreneurs, used the library’s resources. KCLS also evaluated the impact of the Startup 425 program, looking at survey results from 120 people of the 500 who took classes in the past 2 years. Survey results showed that 65 new businesses were started after using the KCLS resources, adding $22-77 million in annual revenues in the local economy.

KCLS is one of 11 libraries nationwide that was recognized as “Libraries as Entrepreneurial Hubs” by the Urban Libraries Council, showing that KCLS is considered a national leader in this area.

Audrey also mentioned that KCLS has launched a podcast, called the Desk Set. The episodes follow the “10 to Try” Reading Challenge categories, which encourage readers to expand their reading horizons.

Dan Shaffer, Adult Services Librarian at the Redmond Library, spoke to the board about economic programming locally. These programs include:

- Startup 425 Foundations classes coming up, including classes that focus on Ideation, Licensing, Marketing, and Business Plans.
- Society of Financial Awareness (SOFA) classes. The next one focuses on economic planning for retirement.
- The Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE) continues to provide free counseling at the library.
- Microsoft and Adobe Certification classes.
- Outreach programs dealing with using technology at the Redmond Senior Center, and possibly Emerald Heights in the future.
- Outreach program at Lake Washington Institute of Technology about using databases available through KCLS.
REGIONAL MANAGER REPORT

- KCLS is the top digital circulating library in the United States, for the fifth straight year, and number three in the world. The library is operating at full capacity, with high demand for its programs and its space. There are also increasing demands for space in the Redmond Ridge area. The increasing need for space to accommodate the growing population in the Redmond area means that KCLS will be considering a levy lid lift request, possibly in 2020. It will be important to find out what people in the community value about their library and to advocate for the library to help KCLS meet the community’s needs.

- In addition to the economic programming previously discussed, there are also gardening programs, in collaboration with the Cascade Water Alliance, coming up this month. The Meet Your Muslim Neighbors program has been well attended. There is also a Ukulele concert scheduled for March 24th.

- Community Court and the Community Resource Center continue to be well-attended. Denise estimated that perhaps 30-40 people have graduated from the Community Court program, with about 70 currently in the process.

- 20th Anniversary: The Redmond library will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this fall. Denise and the board discussed some ideas for the celebration. These ideas included:
  - Book sale (in cooperation with the Friends of the Library)
  - Author reading
  - Tours of the Redmond facility, possibly given by volunteer docents.
  - Wrapped Books, as a sort of “blind date” mystery read, which the library had done for a previous celebration.

  Denise was asked whether the City Council had ever toured the Redmond library, which they haven’t, and if it would be a good idea to invite them to do so, perhaps as part of the 20th anniversary, or sooner.

  Kris also asked about the documentary the Rainbow Teen Advisory Board (RTAB) produced, and whether it could be shown to the public as part of the anniversary. Denise said the film is short (about 15 minutes long) and suggested showing it to the board during the next library board meeting.

LIBRARY BOARD

- The board discussed the idea of having a booth at the Farmer’s Market again this summer, perhaps in June to help promote the Summer Reading program.

- Melissa Stuart’s term on the board ends this month. The city has posted the opening on its website and has received several applications. Members of the board will look over the applicants and let the city know which ones we would like to interview.

- The board discussed making the advisory board meetings monthly rather than bi-monthly. Denise said she could attend a monthly meeting and to let her know if we decide to do that so she could reserve the room.

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.