

PRESENT

Kara Simon, Bree Norlander, Clara Yuan, Murthy Srinivas, and KCLS Cascade Regional Manager Michele Drov Dahl

CALL TO ORDER

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Introducing Bree and Clara, our new library board members.

REGIONAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Staff

Kristin is the new adult services librarian. She has been working on the virtual resource center, which involves helping with the community court program and with providing resources for people. She has also been meeting with people one-on-one to help them find grants for nonprofits (see the library's webpage and social media for more details).

Summer Reading

The summer reading program starts June 1st. The grand prize for children is collection of books. Michele was not sure what the grand prize for adults would be.

Library Openings

Several libraries in the area are open for visiting, but Redmond is not going to open soon. Patrons have expressed interest in the Redmond library opening for in-person service, but because the Redmond library has so much traffic, this will be difficult. In addition, when the time comes for the library to open in-person service, the library will need to close for 2-3 days in order to properly set up before it will be able to open.

There has not been much thought about the balance between curbside and in-person services at Redmond when the time comes. It will be difficult to balance both. If KCLS is willing, having lockers where people can pick up their books may be an option.

In addition, there has not been discussion of whether surprise bags will continue after in-person service starts.

Programs

Miss Pam is doing story times in Mandarin. Please search KCLS website for more information.

Stephanie Zero, the teen librarian, has a number of programs going on. These include a Young Authors Club, which meets twice a month, and the Rainbow Teen Advisory Board (RTAB), which currently meets once per month. RTAB is currently partnering with Lambert House to have queer book club. Teen Improv Nights have just ended and involved an improv actor leading the teens.

Library Services

Curbside pickup has been busy. Yesterday (4/6/21), the Redmond library had 500 curbside appointments. It is common for the library to have between 370 and 450 curbside appointments. The library may want to make another video to show what is going on behind the scenes for curbside.

Surprise bags are still very popular. Teen and Children's surprise bags are organized by age level.

Michele believed that we have an improved Wi-Fi signal at Redmond. She has seen people using the Wi-Fi in the parking lot. The library does not turn this signal off at night.

Outreach

There will be a story walk at Farrell-McWhirter this summer. It will feature a children's book.

The library has been handing out bookmarks when the City provides low-income meals.

Security

No issues.

Products

The library has a database known as Mango, which helps people learn languages. The library board has asked whether the City would allow us to mention some of these products (and programs) in the emails the City sends out.

Books to Grow On is a useful service for parents and educators. When you check one out, you get books, games, etc., on a given topic (e.g., weather). The books are aimed for children.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM. The next meeting is May 5th at 5:30 PM.