

## **PRESENT**

Kara Simon, Bree Norlander, Clara Yuan, Murthy Srinivas, Paul Rojas, Redmond Library Services Manager Mary Comstock, and KCLS Cascade Regional Manager Michele Drovdaahl

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **REGIONAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **Library Opening**

The Redmond Library will be opening at July 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for in-person service. The Library may require everyone entering the Library to wear masks.

In order to do open for in-person service, the Library will be closed for a few days around July 4<sup>th</sup>, which will allow the Library to set up for patrons entering the building. The Library will also have to end its curbside services.

Once the Library opens for in-person service, it will be open from Tuesday to Saturday for seven hours a day.

In order to help people to feel more comfortable with the transition, cleaning will be a priority. In addition, the Library has taken measures to improve its air circulation and its air filtration system. For more information about measures the library is taking please go to [https://kcls.org/faq/in-library-services/#faq\\_15595640](https://kcls.org/faq/in-library-services/#faq_15595640).

Patrons who do not feel comfortable entering the Library are encouraged to contact the Library.

### **Summer Reading**

The Summer Reading Program started yesterday and will continue on until August 31<sup>st</sup>. The theme is "outdoors." The goal is for patrons to read for 1,000 minutes.

Those who read at least 500 minutes will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card to a local bookstore and a curated list of books that the librarians think the patron would like. Patrons can also earn online badges as they read.

Patrons should use Beanstack (see [www.kcls.org/summer](http://www.kcls.org/summer)) to log their hours. They can use paper logs instead, but these will not be accepted by the Library until the Library opens, if then. Patrons may pick up reading logs at the curbside book service.

Please note that patrons who use Beanstack can link accounts in Beanstack.

### **Programs**

The library is planning one or two story walks. One will be at Farrell-McWhirter Park. A second one may occur at Downtown Park. The books in the story walk will be about the outdoors. The library has previously ruled out putting a story walk at the Sammamish River walking trails due to safety concerns. Murthy mentioned that they might be able to put the story on the offshoot areas of the trail (e.g., by the Senior Center).

Ongoing programs like story times and Community Court are still going on virtually. The library hopes to eventually do an in-person story time at Farrell-McWhirter Park.

To see what online programs are available, please go to the following website:

<https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/events>

## **Library Services**

The Library dropped off bookmarks at the senior's lunch and at the schools for summer reading program.

The Library received books from the Foundation to give to people who have certain characteristics (e.g., live a certain distance from the library, low socioeconomic status). The Library is giving out these books at certain locations/events.

## **Other**

The Library is still receiving lots of traffic, though fewer people on sunny days. The Library estimates that the number of people who use curbside varies from the upper 300s to 400s of people per day. On average, they estimate that patrons check out 60-70 surprise bags each day, with surprise bags for age 3-5 being the most popular.

The book drop and the automatic book return are open continuously now.

Clara suggested the Library form partnership with Washington state trails association, especially given the Library's focus on outdoors for the Summer Reading Program. The Library may look into this. They do already have a strong relationship with City of Redmond Parks & Rec.

The Redmond library has an Instagram and a Facebook account. They encourage people to follow their accounts.

## **Library Board**

A blurb about the summer reading program was in the City newsletter.

Mary will send Kara a blurb about the library opening. Ideas for later blurbs include the story walks and a call for Friends of the Library volunteers.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM. The next meeting is July 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.