PRESENT
Kristine Anderson, Kara Simon, Minerva Butler, Paul Rojas, Library Regional Manager Denise Bugallo,

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with four library board members present.

REGIONAL MANAGER UPDATE
KCLS Regional Manager Denise Bugallo passed out information on the KCLS Summer Reading Program, and reminded board members that free passes to some local museums are available from the library.

Drag Queen Story Hour and Protests: Denise went on to discuss some issues that gained media attention for KCLS, mainly in southern areas of the county, but also in Issaquah. The Drag Queen Story Hour was protested by a group called Mass Resistance, which calls themselves a “pro-family activist organization” but is labelled an anti-gay hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Diversity, equity and inclusion are values upheld by KCLS and the story hour event had many more supporters from the community show up than protestors. At the last story hour, over 400 kids and families, as well as the King County Sheriff, showed up in support. In dealing with people who may be protesting an event, Denise says the library focuses on the behavior and whether or not it is disruptive, rather than the person or group. Any group is welcome to use the library’s meeting spaces, even if they might have objectionable opinions.

Pay for Prints System in 2020: The Redmond library will be piloting this program from 8/1 – 8/31. People will still be able to get their free allotment of prints, which is valued at $11.25, for 75 prints/week. The current system of free prints is unsustainable for the library.

New equipment: The library will be getting new Envisionware cash registers and kiosks. KCLS will be looking for patron feedback to see if there are more improvements that could be made.

Floor Plan: Some space will be opened up in the reference area, as some materials are being weeded out. The librarian stations will be consolidated, so that the Information desk isn’t in a separate area. Denise expects patrons’ needs to be handled more efficiently if the librarians, Library Technical Assistants and Library Page Assistants are all in one location. With a single service point instead of several, staff will also be able to learn from each other. The priority is to keep sight lines open throughout the library, with a focus on professional development and safety and security.

Vending Machines: The machines are provided by the KCLS Foundation. New ones were received recently, but there were already issues within the first week. Patrons need to call the vendor when there is a problem, as the staff is not supposed to handle those issues.

City Council: Denise plans to go to the city council to give them a brief update sometime this fall.

Levy Lid Lift: Timing on this is still pending, but will probably happen in the second half of 2020.

KCLS Reorganization: Currently KCLS is organized in to 12 regions. There is some disparity between regions as far as how many libraries each region has, which leads to inequities in staffing hours. To address this, the number of regions will be consolidated to 9, with each region averaging 5 libraries. The new system will be implemented sometime in 2020. In the reorganization, Denise will no longer be the Regional Manager for Redmond. Redmond and Redmond Ridge will be grouped with Issaquah, North Bend, and Snoqualmie.
Highlights: U.S. Congresswoman Suzan Delbene spoke to a citizenship class last Tuesday. Other upcoming highlights include:

- **Community Court Anniversary celebration**, 8/7 at 4pm in front of the courthouse.
- **Teen Movie Nights**, Tuesdays, 7/16 and 7/30, at 6:30pm.
- **Gravity Catastrophe Show**, 8/11 at 1:30pm, presented by Alex Zerbe, The Zaniac.
- **Reading in the Park**, 8/15 at 12pm.

**LIBRARY BOARD ITEMS**

- Banned Books Week Booth at Farmer’s Market. This will be the last Saturday of September, 9/28. As a non-profit informational booth, we are required to be there to set up by 8:15 and to stay until 3:30 before taking the booth down. Kris and Kara staffed the booth last year. Kris asked for the board to help out with volunteering some time at the booth this year. Denise said she would supply us with informational brochures, which will have a new one page format in the future.
- The board will begin meeting monthly starting in September. There will be no meeting in January, as the first Wednesday falls on the first, and the library is not open.
- The board discussed the idea of separating the duties of the chair and sharing them among more than one person.
- Kris mentioned that she’d had difficulty reaching board members via e-mail. No one from the city has contacted Paul about his city e-mail account information, so Kris will contact Susan Cooper to help Paul get access.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.