

## LAKE FOREST PARK LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

Present: Maureen Kerschbaum (chair), Rita Requa, Catherine Kernan, Diana McQuay, Denise Bugallo (KCLS), Kathleen Fernandes (secretary)

Absent: Shannon McLeod, Daniel Mullen

- **KCLS Manager's Report**

- Denise introduced the committee to Freegal, a new online service offered through KCLS. Freegal offers free access to about 11 million songs and can be streamed or downloaded for offline listening through iOS or Android apps. KCLS pays a small fee each time a title is downloaded; in order to manage its budget, the library limits each library cardholder to 5 downloads per week or 12 hours of streaming per day. Freegal can be found at [www.kcls.org](http://www.kcls.org) → Books & More → Music → Freegal Music or at [www.kcls.org](http://www.kcls.org) → Online Library → Formats → Music.
- All KCLS branches will mount displays with information about November's elections by September 27, National Voter Registration Day. The Shoreline Library will show the presidential and vice presidential debates live in its meeting room. Debate dates are September 26, October 4, October 9, and October 19 and each will run from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.
- The 2016 KCLS programming theme "Everyone's Talking About It" has proved a success and will continue as the 2017 theme.
- Denise highlighted several interesting upcoming programs, including two at the Lake Forest Park library: "Free Seeds in Your Own Backyard" on Saturday, September 24, from 2 to 3 pm and "Self Defense for Everyone" on November 14 at 7 pm. She also discussed the Shoreline/Richmond Beach/Lake Forest Park libraries' focus on increasing programming for teens.
- KCLS is in the process of creating a new strategic plan for the next 3 to 5 years. This yearlong process began in May and includes talking with all staff as well as members of each community in person and online. Themes that recur in the discussions will be addressed in the long-range plan.
- The KCLS Director has asked each department to identify ways to cut its budget by 3% for the next fiscal year in order to deal with anticipated increases in operating costs.
- The annual KCLS Library Advisory Board Forum will be held at the Kirkland Library on November 1, 2016, from 5:30 to 7 pm. Please let Denise know if you plan to attend.

- **Lake Forest Park City Council**

- The committee discussed speaking before the City Council several times a year to share information about library programming and services as well as the READS events.

- **READS 2016 recap**

- Rita, Diana, and Kathleen discussed author Brian Doyle's appearance at Third Place Books in support of this year's book, *Martin Marten*. All agreed that there was a good turnout of engaged readers and that Doyle was a memorable speaker.
- We will invite Amy Whittenberg, the new director of Third Place Commons, to join us for READS 2017 planning meetings.
- **READS 2017**
  - We discussed several possible titles for next year's program, including *Eruption* by Steve Olson, *Before the Wind* by Jim Lynch, *Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl* by Carrie Brownstein, and *This is Your Life, Harriet Chance* by Jonathon Evison. Committee members will try to read these books by our first planning meeting in January and will try to find other books supporting our Pacific Northwest theme.
  - The 2017 planning meetings are moving to Wednesdays at 5 pm. The meeting dates are:
    - January 25
    - February 22
    - March 22
    - April 19
- **Library Advisory Committee meeting dates:**
  - December 7, 2016, at 7 pm
  - March 22, 2017, at 7 pm (following READS meeting)
  - June 28, 2017, at 7 pm
  - September 27, 2017, at 7 pm
  - December 6, 2017, at 7 pm