

LAKE FOREST PARK LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

27 SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Maureen Kerschbaum (chair), Diana McQuay, Denise Bugallo (KCLS), Kathleen Fernandes (secretary)

ABSENT: Rita Requa, Catherine Kernan, Daniel Mullen, Shannon McLeod

- Maureen reports that Rita has been released from the hospital and is in good spirits. Get well soon, Rita—we miss you!
- KCLS Manager's Report
  - Denise plans to speak to the Lake Forest Park City Council when she can be added to the agenda. She shared with us information and videos illustrating the work the library does as a community partner, with special emphasis on its strategic focus "Creating opportunities for meaningful connections." KCLS values knowledge, diversity, equity and inclusion, and intellectual freedom; these values are the focus of staff training and interactions with the public.
  - The city is working on Central Subarea planning, which will affect the Town Center. Denise encourages us to take the city's online survey at <http://www.cityoflfp.com/civicalerts.aspx?aid=831> before October 10, 2017.
  - The city and police department will conduct active shooter training on October 25 and November 2. All businesses in the Town Center, including the library, will close by 7 pm on those days.
  - Denise met with the North Urban Human Services Alliance and hopes to attend their meetings regularly. NUHSA is an advocate for human services in North King County and its members work collaboratively to provide information and services to our residents. There is more information about NUHSA at <http://www.nuhsa.org>
  - KCLS will have an information table at Shoreline Community College's Diversity Night on October 27. This outreach is part of the library's work with groups working on social justice and equity.
  - Denise and some other KCLS staff members will attend the Urban Libraries Council Forum in St. Paul, Minnesota, in October. There is more information about this important group at <https://www.urbanlibraries.org/>.
- 2017 READS event recap/critique
  - Diana and Kathleen reported that there was a good turnout for author Steve Olson's appearance to discuss his book *Eruption*. Northshore Emergency Management's information table attracted many visitors.
- 2018 READS
  - We will now begin considering books for next year's program, focusing on books by local (or near-local) authors and available in paperback before next summer.
  - Kathleen suggested *This is how it always is* by Seattle author Laurie Frankel (paperback edition publishes in January 2018). We may find other ideas at the Pacific Northwest

Book Awards site <http://www.pnba.org/book-awards.html> or the list of Washington State Book Awards finalists at <http://www.spl.org/audiences/adults/washington-state-book-awards/washington-state-book-awards-finalists>.

- What we've been reading
  - *Salvage the Bones* and *Men We Reaped* by Jesmyn Ward
  - *The Fire This Time: a New Generation Speaks About Race* edited by Jesmyn Ward
  - *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland* by Jim DeFede
  - *Al Franken, Giant of the Senate* by Al Franken
  - *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah
  - *See What I Have Done* by Sarah Schmidt
  - *Young Jane Young* by Gabrielle Zevin
  - *The Readymade Thief* by Augustus Rose
- **Next meeting: December 6, 2017**
- **2018 meeting dates: March 28, June 27, September 26, December 5**