

LAKE FOREST PARK LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5 DECEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Maureen Kerschbaum (chair), Catherine Kernan, Shannon McLeod, Alexa Johnson, Diana McQuay, Deirdre Miller (KCLS), Kathleen Fernandes (secretary)

ABSENT: Rita Requa

- KCLS Manager's Report
 - Deirdre reported that Library Journal awarded the King County Library System 5 stars on its annual Index of Public Library Service, one of only five libraries in its category (libraries with annual expenditures exceeding \$30 million).
 - As part of a partnership with King County Elections, KCLS has ballot drop boxes at 18 of its libraries. The library drop boxes accounted for 23.11% (over 89,000 ballots) of all ballots returned to the boxes. 7, 708 ballots were returned to the box at the Lake Forest Park City Hall. Several KCLS branches hosted candidate forums and voter information tables sponsored by the League of Women Voters.
 - Now that the Lake Forest Branch has a new children's librarian, Julie Hiers, there has been more children's programming. Attendance is rising at adult and teen programming as well. Deirdre shared information on programming in the Season of Story and Song; events can be found at https://kcls.org/browse_program/season-of-stories-and-songs/. The web site also includes suggestions for books and other library materials.
- READS 2019
 - Members discussed ideas for next year's READS selection and will read some of the following books for discussion in January:
 - *So you want to talk about race* by Ijeoma Oluo
 - *George & Lizzie* by Nancy Pearl
 - *A year of living kindly* by Donna Cameron
 - *The child finder* by Rene Denfeld
 - *The extraordinary life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni
 - *Today will be different* by Maria Semple
 - Maureen will contact Robert Sindelar of Third Place Books for additional ideas.
- City Council Meetings
 - Maureen asks committee members to attend city council meetings every other month to promote the library and its programs. There will be a sign up for attendance at our next meeting.
- Meeting Dates

- 2019 LAC meeting dates: March 27 at 6 pm (one hour earlier than usual), June 26, September 25, December 4 (June, September, and December meetings begin at 7 pm)
- 2019 READS meeting dates: January 16, February 20, March 27, and April 17. These meetings begin at 5 pm.
- **Next LAC meeting: March 27, 2019, at 6 pm**
- What We're Reading
 - *The Clockmaker's Daughter* by Kate Morton
 - *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean
 - *A Place for Us* by Fatima Farheen Mirza
 - *Fear: Trump in the White House* by Bob Woodward
 - *Nine Perfect Strangers* by Liane Moriarty
 - *Autumn* by Ali Smith
 - *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee
 - *The Path Between the Seas* by David McCullough
 - *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline
 - *The Soul of America: the Battle for our Better Angels* by Jon Meacham
 - *The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl: Squirrel Meets World* by Dean and Shannon Hale
 - *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio
 - *The Music Shop* by Rachel Joyce