

## LAKE FOREST PARK LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

26 JUNE 2019

PRESENT: Maureen Kerschbaum (chair), Shannon McLeod, Catherine Kernan, Naomi Fogerty (KCLS), John Sheller (KCLS), Kathleen Fernandes (secretary)

ABSENT: Diana McQuay, Alexa Johnson

- JOHN SHELLER, KCLS GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MANAGER
  - Mr. Sheller presented information on the library district's legislative and political environment, from the local to the federal levels, as well as its financial environment. He discussed the work of the Board of Trustees <https://kcls.org/library-board-members/> and Library Advisory Boards, as well as the ways the policies of the cities in the district, the King County Council and Executive, the State of Washington, and our elected federal officials affect library operations.
  - KCLS revenues are healthy, but derived largely from the property tax levy. The levy rate is reduced when property values increase by more than 1%; when revenue decreases enough that the reserve cannot fund operations, KCLS will ask the voters for a levy lid lift. The last request was in 2008 and the next probably will be in 2020.
  - The KCLS Foundation offers grants to encourage or augment library services (e.g. summer reading or workforce development), but does not fund regular operations. More information about the Foundation is available at <https://www.kclsfoundation.org/>
- KCLS REPORT
  - Naomi Fogerty shared information on Summer Reading for All, a summer reading program for children, teens, and adult. The program runs from June 1 through August 31. Information on participating is available at <https://kcls.org/summer/>
  - The Lake Forest Park Library checked out over 15,600 items in May and registered 104 new patrons. Downloaded and streaming materials now account for about 30% of all circulation.
  - Upcoming library programs include a Summer Pop-Up Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Lake Forest Park Library and held on Sunday, July 21, from 10 to 3 at the Farmers Market. The Shoreline Library will again host summer meals for children aged 0 to 18; more information at <https://bit.ly/2RHv08j>
- READS
  - Jonathan Evison, author of our summer read *Lawn Boy*, will appear at Third Place Commons on Monday, July 29, at 7 pm. Both the Shoreline and Richmond Beach libraries' book discussion groups will discuss the book before the event.
- NEXT MEETINGS
  - **September 18 (this is a change from September 25), 7 pm**
  - December 4, 7 pm
- WHAT WE'RE READING
  - *The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton

- o *Becoming* by Michelle Obama
- o *The Mueller Report*
- o *Midnight in Chernobyl* by Adam Higginbotham
- o *In the Woods* by Tana French (Dublin Murder Squad #1)
- o *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn
- o *Carrying Albert Home* by Homer Hickam
- o *The Heavens* by Sandra Newman
- o *The Stranger Diaries* by Elly Griffiths
- o *The Last* by Hanna Jameson
- o *The Ruin* and *The Scholar* by Dervla McTiernan (Cormac Reilly #1 and #2)
- o *The Right Sort of Man* by Allison Montclair