

Lake Forest Park Library Advisory Committee Meeting

3.26.25

Present:

Alexa Johnson, President
Ann Gigli, Secretary
Eileen de la Cruz
Catherine Kernan
Lolly Smith
Alice Darnton, KCLS Representative

Absent: Eloise Boyle, Vice President

Call to order: 6:55

City Report :

- Alexa met with the city:
 - They have agreed that LAC terms will expire in September 30th and we are not restricted by term limits.
- Position 1 is still open. Discussion of how to attract people to apply. Ideas:
 - During KCLS story walks in LFP parks - add another sign with application info
 - Farmers Market event hand outs
 - Bulletin Board at Library
 - Bulletin Board at Third Place if allowed.
- Need changes to committee website:
 - Need to add an application link. This is the link from another committee. <https://lakeforestpark-wa.municodemeeetings.com/bc/application>
 - Change language on website to explain what we do. Suggested language:

“Supports and promotes reading as a life long activity in our community through programs including a common book READS program during the summer, outreach at the Farmers Market for summer adult and children reading programs, and encouraging the freedom to read.”

- Octavia Butler has not contacted the committee with any updates.
- Alice Darnton, representing KCLS and our committee has contacted the City and along with members of the LAC is on the July 10th agenda to present the KCLS program for the celebration the freedom to read. The LAC is interested in expanding awareness of this national event in the City of Lake Forest Park through communication with the city council. The intention is to lay the ground work for a potential city proclamation of support for Banned Book Week which is October 5 - 11, 2025.

KCLS Report:

- The most exciting new program is the teenager leadership council. At the LFP library branch. The council is planning a cultural event.
- The Bug Specimen Collection got a great turn out of kids of all ages at the Commons.
- The library collaborated on a Valentine making event which was a huge success.
- Pajama Stories at the library in the evening and Board Games at the commons in the afternoon continue to be popular programs

2024-2025 meeting dates:

Wednesday June 25, 2025, 7:00 pm
 Wednesday September 24, 2025, 7:00 pm
 Wednesday December 3, 2025 7:00 pm

What we 've been reading:

Alexa: Old Soul - Susan Marker - Horror- Japanese - Fascinating

Catherine: Now or Never - Janet Jovanavich mystery
 Long Island - Colm Toibin - sequel to Brooklyn
 May You Should Talk to Someone - Lori Gottlieb - light hearted therapy memoir

Eileen: The Body in Question - Jill Ciment -murder trial
 God of the Woods - Liz Moore - fun mystery read

Ann: Fierce Ambition: The Life and Legend of War Correspondent Maggie Higgins Book - Jennet Conant

Lolly: Sipsworth - Simon Van Booy - finding second chance in life
 Daniel Jensen - Romantacy
 Shudder - Ramona Emerson - Dine forensic photographer who the dead talk to.
 Apeirogon - Colum McCann - Bridging the Palestinian and Israeli divide
 Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry - Rachel Joyce - an old man finding new reasons to live

Alice: Consent- Jill Ciment - How does malleable memory affect our stories we tell ourselves