

**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR SESSION
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
June 2, 2021, 6:00pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Elfers called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. He announced that all board members were present.

ATTENDANCE:

In Council Chambers: Board Chair Richard Elfers, Board Members Sandy Kanaga and Chris Beinke, City Staff Liaison Jessica Rose.

Via Microsoft Teams videoconferencing: Board Members Ann Anderson and John Knowlton, KCLS Staff Representative Carla Hopkins, KCLS Staff Steven Bailey, Enumclaw Library Manager Chris Mezek.

2. MOTION TO APPROVE 5/12/21 MINUTES:

Knowlton moved to approve the 5/12/21 minutes. Beinke seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

3. REPORTS ON CONTACT WITH POM/ESD/SENIOR CENTER:

Elfers reported that he had reached out to the Enumclaw School District on the different languages spoken other than English within the area. They had informed him that there were a wide range of languages, with Russian and Vietnamese being the highest. The Enumclaw library has many Spanish books, but very few in Russian or Vietnamese. KCLS do have books in these languages in their system, but patrons would have to request a hold to receive them, which can be done either at the library or through the KCLS website. The school district advertises the library services by using PeachJar, an app that sends digital flyers to families. There is a process for the library to increase their collection of books in different languages, which includes a language survey and a petition to KCLS Collection Management. Purchasing additional collections can be done but storing them would be difficult due to limited space.

A discussion took place regarding participation in programs and services, including those who speak a different language. There are several online services available, such as Talk Time, which are online classes that are free to patrons, but they must own a computer and have Internet access. Programs and children activities scheduled during the day makes it difficult for working parents to take part in. Children must be accompanied by an adult and libraries are not allowed to offer daycare services. There has been some discussion among KCLS on using outside organizations to help watch children during adult programs.

Anderson received information on different services for patrons that have visual and hearing impairments, such as Libby, an app that provides free eBooks and audiobooks. She distributed this information to Highpoint Village, Living Court, Cascade Place, and Plateau Outreach Ministry. All were very happy to receive the information. KCLS can do a presentation either at the library or a couple of facilities to show how these programs work. Anderson will follow-up with these facilities to see if they would be interested.

Kanaga reported that she contacted Melissa from the Senior Center but was informed that they already promote the library services to the Seniors who visit their facilities.

Kanaga left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

4. OTHER

Bailey reported that KCLS are still not offering programs at this time since their primary focus is to reopen the library. There is still a possibility that they will start programs in the fall and will be able to spend the funds that they have received from the Lafromboise fund from 2020. They are already planning for 2022 on the programs they would like to offer. The library will not be printing their calendars this year, but instead have bookmarks and reading logs for their Summer Reading program. The library board agreed to pass these out to local businesses.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Knowlton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beinke seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 7th, at 6:00 p.m.