

## LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

April 10, 2014

**Attendees:** David Tremaine, Abe Martinez, Debby Ames, Janice Stepp, Gloria Davis ShaeLynn Charvet-Bates, David Corwin, Andy Powers

**Absent:** Diana Borges

**City:** Barbara Stevens; Jan Berg

**Sno-Isle:** Miriam Driss, Managing Librarian, Ken Harvey, Sno-Isle Communications, Val Stevens, North District Manager.

David Tremaine, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. Introductions were made. **Minutes** of January 16, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

### **Reports:**

**Sno-Isle** - Ken Harvey reported that 2 focus groups were being put together which would include a cross section of citizens from Lake Stevens. Observation Groups will be assembled to include members of the Library Board, City Council and Friends.

- It is very clear the current facility is inadequate and a different site is needed.
- The results from these Focus Groups will determine if talks will begin in earnest between the City and Sno-Isle as to how to help gain a new library for Lake Stevens.

Ken also reported that Camano Island will have another election to determine whether the community will pay for a new library. They narrowly failed their last attempt. Their location is a former restaurant which will be renovated.

**Thank You** to Val Stevens for getting 1- additional hours: Open at 10 a.m. Monday – Friday, Sunday 1-5. Closing remains same - 8 p.m. Monday – Thursday; 5 p.m. Friday.

**City:** Jan Berg reported that the carpet would be replaced, some painting would be done. The Grade Road property is still a possibility for a new library and Civic Center.

**Miriam Driss, Managing Librarian** - 20 minutes reading/day is summer reading program; Teen advisory Board meets monthly; a full report is included with these minutes.

**Friends:** Sharon reported that Jan Lundquist is the new Secretary.

Aqua Fest Book Sale is coming – July 25-27, 2014. Lots of help is needed to ensure the success of this event. More details forthcoming.

**New Business** – An Ad-Hoc Committee of Abe Martinez and Janice Stepp was appointed to review By Laws/City Ordinances for this group.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Stepp  
Secretary

# Lake Stevens Library Board

Thursday, April 16, 2014

## Report

*Miriam Driss Managing Librarian*

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## Highlights

The Lake Stevens Library had a large turnout of about sixty children for our **Read 20 minutes a Day** Celebration in collaboration with the ABC Group, which is part of the Lake Stevens Education Foundation. The event featured a storytime with dancing, singing and fun books. Monica promoted the library's free eBooks and demonstrated our Tumblebooks service which features streaming picture books. Every child received a free book donated by the United Way, and goodies from ABC. The event was covered on the front page of the *Lake Stevens Journal*.

In MarchThe library conducted a well-attended focus group for teens to find out what kinds of programs and services they might like to attend. Seventeen members give their feedback over pizza and soda. They clamored for a Teen Advisory Board, which now meets monthly. They also showed an interest in computer games, robotics, movies and poetry programs.

## Programs and Services

Storytimes continue to be very popular. Large audiences have been attending baby, toddler and preschool storytimes. We also continue to provide pajama storytime bi-weekly which has provided a flexible time for working families and older children who have free time in the evenings.

Reading with Rover is a new program offered the second Saturdays each month. This is a free community-based literacy program that helps children strengthen their reading skills and improves reading confidence with children reading to a patient, non-judgmental listener.

The Library also had a big presence in Lake Stevens Elementary Schools with:

- The annual NEA Read Across America promotion, where Melanie, Monica and Miriam read to children, along with other community members.
- The system-wide Sno-Isle Libraries Mega-Fun, Biblio-Trivia, Rockem-Sockem Third-Grade Reading Challenge was a big hit at Sunnycrest and Mt. Pilchuck Elementary schools. Eighty students participated. One group from Mt. Pilchuck, ascended to the finals at Rosehill Community Center in Mukilteo! They did not win, but were very proud of their achievement.
- Monica and Melanie began book discussion clubs at Hillcrest and Glenwood Elementary Schools, with books provided by the Friends of the Library for fourth and fifth grade students.

- Monica will be hosting author Margaret Read MacDonald for Dia de los Ninos at Homelink in April.
- Monica and Melanie will be visiting all six elementary schools to promote Explore Summer in May and June.

The library has also been offering fun and popular school-age programs during the winter and spring including: Lego Animation, Monster Madness, Louis Foxx magic show and a costume program. Summer programming will include fun STEaM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) programs for children and teens.

With the beginning of our expanded hours in June, we will be offering a monthly drop in eReader class at the library.

## **Facility**

City employees have completed the installation of an automatic door opener on the front door, and they have replaced the door handle on the rear door. New carpeting will be installed during the week of May 18. The library will be closed during the two days of installation. The City and Sno-Isle Libraries partnered on the project, with the City financing and the Library managing the project.

## **Staffing**

Our page Zandra Toiani accepted a full-time position with Sno-Isle's circulation department, and Ann Hoffmann will be retiring at the end of May. In anticipation of our expanded hours and filling positions we are currently in the process of hiring the following:

- A fifteen-hour Library Associate II
- Two fifteen-hour Public Service Assistant I's
- One full-time Library Associate II
- One fifteen-hour Page II's