

FINAL Lacey Library Board Minutes  
March 13, 2019, 5:30 p.m.  
(Lacey Timberland Library Community Room)

Present: Scott Robinson, Sharla Desy, Amy Blondin, James Murray, Pam Nelson, Irene Kang, Holly Paxson  
(Lacey Timberland Library Manager)

Scott called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Scott noted Pam Nelson has been reappointed to her board position.

Moved, seconded and carried to approve the agenda as written.

Moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the Jan. 9 meeting as written.

There were no public comments.

Library Manager's Report:

- Lacey Loves to Read was very successful, including 375 people for reception.
- Circulation is up the past few months over same time last year.
- Lacey is offering a new streaming movie service called Kanopy, which users can access via many devices.
- Fundraising: Nearly \$14,000 has been raised for the building remodel since December. Friends of the Lacey Library dedicated the February book sale proceeds to the remodel.
- There will be a social media push in March and April, encouraging people to use PayPal to donate.
- The goal is to have construction plans by the end of 2019, and put the project out to bid in early 2020.
- Holly has been trained as a facilitator for Community Conversations. She can use this skill to help with conversations to inform the library district's strategic planning.

A Visit from the Friends of the Lacey Library:

- Jane Collins, president of the Friends of the Lacey Library, provided an update on the nonprofit's efforts to support the library. The group has 219 paying members, including 123 lifetime members and 96 annual members.
- Jane shared the Friends raised \$40,000 in 2018 through book sales and the permanent book sale location. All the books are donated, and a Friend volunteer straightens and refills the permanent book sale location daily. Twelve to 15 people sort newly donated books every Monday. The money raised goes to things like furniture and programming. The Friends donated a \$25,000 kickoff to the remodel fundraising campaign.
- Holly and the board thanked Jane for her work on behalf of the community.

There was no new business.

For the Good of the Order:

- The board discussed bringing the remodel project manager and construction manager to a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Blondin

Lacey Library Board  
Library Manager's Report  
Presented on March 13, 2019  
**For January/February 2019**

### Library News:

Congratulations to Aide Lucy Peterson, who received a higher-hours transfer to Olympia. After evaluation, it was decided not to fill Lucy's position at Lacey. TRL is currently under a soft hiring freeze as a result of budget shortages. All newly vacant jobs throughout the District are reviewed to determine if, when, & how to fill them.

If you are a fiction reader, you may have noticed we've been moving some books around in that area at Lacey! We have added a new section for Romance (AFIC-ROM) and combined Science Fiction and Fantasy into its own section – SCIFI-FAN. TRL has also begun using NEW item labels so you can find the newest items fast. Why are we doing this? We want to improve the experience for people browsing by: Making spine labels clear and easy to read. Putting popular genres in their own sections rather than interfiling them. Adding fewer stickers so we can process new books quickly, allowing us to get popular, high demand items out to you (and to your branch) as soon as possible.

After a snowy start, Lacey Loves to Read warmly hosted award-winning graphic novelist Kazu Kibuishi on February 20 & 21. Children grades K-12 and their families participated in a bookmark design contest, Read Around Lacey, and Teen Graphic Novel Contest before hearing from Kazu at a special VIP reception at the library, 3 school visits, and a free community author event. Kazu enjoyed his visit and we received lots of great feedback from teachers, parents, etc. So many said he was inspirational and his message of keep moving forward was well received. Participation for some of the pre-events was lower than usual because of the snowstorm, but the Comics drawing workshop was rescheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> and we ended up with 144 finishers from Read Around Lacey and 367 attending the evening community event. Once again, a special shout out to the Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library, who applied for a grant to help fund the program, and to the Nisqually tribe, who provided the \$6,500 grant that paid for the majority of the author visit. The Lacey Loves to Read committee is hard at work looking for next year's author!

### Timberland News:

TRL has a new streaming movie service – it's called Kanopy! You can stream up to 5 films per month for free and titles are always available with no waiting. Visit [TRL.org](http://TRL.org). under Books and More, select Stream & Download. You'll find the Kanopy and Kanopy Kids services listed under Videos. It's quick to sign up for an account. Just verify your email, add your library card number and PIN, and get instant access to more than 30,000 films. Choose from classic cinema, foreign and indie films, and documentaries; Kanopy even

offers movies for children. Enjoy this free library resource on your computer and across many devices, including Apple TV, iOS, Android, Android TV, Amazon Fire TV, Chromecast and Roku.

TRL bid farewell IT Manager Josh Jordan and Human Resources Manager Walter Bracy, both of whom received job offers outside the District.

### Programming:

#### **January**

Youth: 18 programs attended by 712 people

Adult: 7 programs attended by 209 people

#### **February**

Youth: 16 programs attended by 1072 people

Adult: 3 programs attended by 174 people

All ages: 3 programs attended by 98 people

### Outreach:

#### **January**

Adult: Database presentation at Jubilee & internship fair booth at The Evergreen State College reaching 99 attendees.

Youth: 12 middle school school visits & 1 preschool tour reaching 2,305 students & teachers.

#### **February**

Youth: 4 middle school visits & NTSD librarians meeting reaching 810 students, parents & teachers.

Adult: Outreach at Olympia Senior Center, tour & Zine discussion for St. Martin's students, & booktalk at Jubilee Bibliobash reached 157 adults.

### Circulation:

We checked out 78,375 physical & digital items in January, an increase of 4.1% over January of 2018.

We checked out 70,396 physical & digital items in February, an increase of 3% over February of 2018.

The library was visited by 22,613 patrons, a decrease of 16% over January of 2018.

The library was visited by 20,468 patrons, a decrease of 18% as February of 2018.

### Building:

Regular hard-surface, carpet, and window cleaning was done in January. A lighting control board has failed; City of Lacey electricians have wired the lighting so it stays on and will replace the board in early March.

Submitted by Holly Paxson, Lacey Library Manager

**March 9, 2019**

