



# King County Library System Board of Trustees Meeting

KCLS Service Center  
5pm ♦ June 26, 2019

## PRESENT

### KCLS BOARD

Ron Higgs  
Robin McClelland  
Pamela Grad  
Anne Repass  
Lalita Uppala

### KCLS Staff

Julie Acteson  
Beth Castleberry  
Jenny Engstrom  
Maria Hatcher  
Nicholas Lee  
Cynthia McNabb  
Lisa Rosenblum  
Bruce Schauer  
Greg Smith

## MOTIONS APPROVED

1. Board Meeting agenda
2. May 29, 2019 Board meeting minutes
3. Payroll expenditures
4. General Fund #0010 expenditures
5. Capital Project Fund 2005 #3070 expenditures
6. Resolution 2019-04 Surplus Real Property (Vehicles)

## CALL TO ORDER

President Lalita Uppala called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Anne Repass moved approval of the Board Meeting agenda. Pamela Grad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

## APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

*Pamela Grad moved approval of the May 29, 2019 Board Meeting minutes. Anne Repass seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

DeNova Weaver provided the following statement:

*A handful of concerned moms attended the Renton Library Teen Pride event on June 22, 2019, to see what the library was promoting to tweens and teens. "The kids at the event were so young. Some of them looked 10", one of the moms reported.*

*The library billed it as being "designed by teens and for teens" and included free lunch and dinner, advice panels, safer sex presentations, a drag show, and a binder raffle.*

*Tonight we are here to tell the KCLS library board what happened and also that one of their Renton area librarians tipped off Emerald City Antifa (ECA) to our planned protest of Drag Queen Story Hour tomorrow. Antifa plans to counter-protest a group of middle aged moms at the Fairwood library - seriously! So in turn, Patriots of Washington and Proud Boys may be attending to protect the moms.*

*<https://blog.leftcoastrightwatch.net/2019/06/anti-lgbtq-groups-target-libraries-in.html?m=1&>*

*To counter us, drag queens, ECA, and other opposition may be here tonight. Please note that Antifa again put out a call to attend this meeting.*

*We also believe that Left Coast Right Watch, the Renton Patch, and Plateaupians for Peace stirred up local opposition to counter protest our non-existent protest on Saturday. Six moms merely intended <sic> document the event and hoped to warn girls of the dangers of breast binding with a handout since the library wasn't doing that.*

<https://patch.com/washington/renton/religious-group-targets-teen-gay-pride-event-king-co-library>

<https://twitter.com/LCRWnews/status/1142236070605537280?s=19>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1061867000670458/>

Since then, one of our moms has been doxxed on social media by various people since posting her Facebook livestream of Teen Pride. She hopes to speak tonight to clear her name from accusations that she was videotaping children in the bathroom. She and her friend were merely setting up a livestream feed in the bathroom and exited when another person entered as her video clearly shows.

We believe Jaymie Jameson reported Elizabeth to library staff, which then asked her and her friend to leave, which they did peaceably, only to be doxxed a few hours later when her video was discovered on a citizen journalist's Facebook page. SodIP found the livestream FB video and uploaded it to YouTube, referring to the woman taping as a Christian bigot.  
<https://youtu.be/EuV9ejyGTBQ>

Also two other moms who had received permission to video from the drag queens were physically escorted out by police sometime after closing time because they didn't have a teen with them, yet others were allowed to stay until 7pm.

According to one of the moms, "At 5pm the library closed, and that's when the real fun began. An announcement was made during the first performance that all adults must leave as the library closed, unless they were there with a teen who wanted them to stay. I remember one of the adult presenters asking, "What about presenters?" Several parents went out to the seats outside the activity room, but there were some who stayed and no one said anything to any of them. Just Lynn and me."

The four adult drag queens dancing for kids did two shows with a Q&A in between. They told them how they got started in drag, where to see all-ages shows, and they also encouraged the kids to find them on their Instagram accounts.

1. Violet Prentice (Baby) <https://www.instagram.com/justbabynow/>
2. Londyn Bradyshaw or l.bshaw <https://www.instagram.com/l.bshaw>
3. Kylie Moon Cakes <https://www.instagram.com/xmooncakes/>
4. Freeza [https://www.instagram.com/freeza\\_dlust/](https://www.instagram.com/freeza_dlust/)

"We were concerned about the age appropriateness of the event as well as the appropriateness of this being held at a library. For a bastion of learning, there was none of that. The big focus seemed to be sex, getting into drag, hating your body and being everything you're not," said one mom.

Loot or "candy" available to the youth attending this event, some appearing as young as ten, included Astroglide (a sex lubricant), flavored condoms, mouth dams, and penis shaped bookmarks (also available in black to be diverse and inclusive). One child asked during the Q&A session what condoms were for. "There was no discussion or education involved, just grab a handful and go have sex!" said our mom.

Materials from Planned Parenthood, PFLAG, LGBTQ Allyship, Lifelong, Lambert House were available.

During the intermission Q&A panel kids were advised if they ever needed a chest binder but had no one to help, "there's always someone at Lambert House who can help them." Toward the end of the evening, the eight \$50 chest binder gift certificates were raffled off. One mom told Amy Egger, KCLS Regional Director, by phone on Thursday prior to the event, that advertising a "binder raffle" with no clarification on what kind of binder was very deceptive." She pointed out that most parents would believe it was a binder for papers, like she initially thought.

*Another mom noted that kids were referred to Lambert House where they are "recruiting performers ages 13-22." We understand that Lambert House has a legal team informing kids of their rights and hosts drag shows and dances for ages 13-22 - which we are concerned is a form of grooming.*

*According to Tracy Shannon, "Mass Resistance has been saying for months that the whole purpose of introducing children to drag queens is to induct them into the drag culture. They are literally recruiting among youth not only for fans but also for drag queens."*

*Three of our moms joined together to pray in the parking lot after the event was over at 7pm only to be harassed and threatened by a man who said he was taking their pictures and posting them on Twitter and Facebook. Their photos and cars were posted on social media by these accounts on Twitter: Jerry Savage, Jaymie Jameson, Ceorl Gordon, and Emerald City Antifa. We have forwarded them to an attorney and notified the FBI.*

Lynn Meagher said that contrary to public opinion, she doesn't have an issue with drag queens. She supports equal rights for all women and girls. As a medical professional she has formed her opinions on evidence-based curriculum and empirical, scientific measures. She said she knows from developmental theory that children are concrete thinkers. They will have a fun time and might think drag queens are cool people, but Drag Queen Story Hour is not appropriate for three year olds. When they google the performer's name, it will take them straight to pornography, not a world of dress up, sparkles, and fun. Regarding the Teen Pride event, she agrees that it is important that everyone feels a sense of safety, but the moms who just wanted to see what was happening did not feel safe. What they documented was lots of information about sex, bowls of condoms, lubricants, and dental dams. She said schools provide sex education and teens know where to find Planned Parenthood. Providing this information is not an appropriate use of the library and billing it as a tween event is child abuse. She said the event is about sex and grooming and should be called for what it is.

Beth Daraciang provided the following statement in response to what she saw on the flyer for the Teen Pride event at Renton Library:

*Chest binders are compression undergarments worn to flatten breasts*

*Eight gift certificates for \$50 each for a company that sells chest binders were given out on Saturday at the Renton Library Teen Pride event, with no parental involvement or consent required that we could see.*

*According to a NY Times article about chest-binding, "97.2 percent of the group that bound reported at least one negative physical symptom, such as back pain, overheating, chest pain and shortness of breath. Other symptoms included numbness, bad posture and lightheadedness. Commercial binders were highly associated with negative outcomes (20 of 28 negative outcomes), as were elastic bandages (14 of 28), and duct tape or plastic wrap (13 of 28). One reason may be that commercial binders lend a false sense of security, leading wearers to keep them on too long or sleep in them."*

*From the McLean Clinic, which specializes in top surgery (double mastectomies) (I'm quoting part of the article): "The three biggest health consequences of chest binding that you need to be aware of before you do begin.*

- 1) *Compressed Ribs. One of the biggest health consequences of chest-binding is compressed or broken ribs, which can lead to further health problems. The following are some symptoms you should look out for:*
  - *Loss of breath*
  - *Back pain throughout the back or shoulders*
  - *Increased pain or pressure with deep breaths*
- 2) *Collapsed Lungs*

*Since chest-binding can lead to fractured ribs, this can increase the risk of puncturing or collapsing a lung.*

3) *Back Problems*

*If you bind your chest too tightly then it can cause serious back issues by compressing the spine, which is part of your central nervous system.*

*Given all those health consequences, why did the library raffle eight chest binders to girls as young as 10 without any parental notification or consent required?*

*What provisions does the library have for medical liability cases brought in the next 10 years for girls who used them, suffered harm and then decide to sue the organization that gave them out without involving parents?*

*The materials included in the Teen Pride event, which was advertised for both "Tween" and "Teens" was inappropriate for those young children and opened up the King County Library System to tremendous liability, which is deserved because you were warned of the dangers at the Board meeting last month and through the many people who called and wrote KCLS and the Renton Library and decided to proceed anyway.*

Dawn Land provided the following statement:

*I attended the Teen Pride event on Saturday, June 22, 2019.*

*In the King County Library advertising for this Teen Pride event, while some aspects of the event were boldly stated, such as a drag show and safer-sex presentations, for other elements the wording was very deceptive. The "free swag" included condoms, lube, dental dams, and penis-shaped bookmarks. And the "free binder raffle" was not for a binder for papers, but a chest-binder. Most parents would misinterpret that, just as I initially did.*

*What a few of us moms intended to do by attending the Teen Pride event was simply to highlight all the aspects of the event. This was a public event hosted by the public King County Library, and we did nothing wrong. We did not make anything up. All we have done is record the public actions of other adults in a public place and publicly posted them on social media. I cannot help if those other adults are embarrassed or ashamed when the public at large views their actions.*

*And I for one have no intention of being vilified for merely publicly highlighting the actions of other adults, all with the explicit endorsement of the King County Library.*

*Nowhere at any time was there any parental consent forms required for tweens and teens to attend graphic sexual demonstrations or obtain various sexual paraphernalia such as condoms, lubricant, and dental dams. An extremely depictive penis bookmark was out on a table in the main library room, open for anyone to come up and grab.*

*The advice panel at 5:00 saw tweens and teens ask questions of a panel of teens and mostly adults. The first question, "What is a condom?" highlighted how completely inappropriate much of the event was for tweens and teens. Condoms, dental dams, and lubricant were freely given out like candy to a group that included many who were quite obviously not mature enough to use them.*

*Other questions asked of the advice panel were more specific to teens asking the question. And while I refuse to get into specifics out of respect for the teens, I can tell you that they were advised by adults over and over how to act without parental knowledge or consent.*

*It was here that the tweens and teens were told that if they ever needed a chest binder and found no one around them willing to help them obtain one, then they could always go to Lambert House to get one. All without parental knowledge or consent. And absolutely no regard was given to the overwhelming number of health concerns associated with chest binding.*

*Some of those in my tiny little mom circle include radical feminist lesbians. As you can imagine, they can be very vocal in their opinions. And when I've discussed chest binding with some of my lesbian friends, they are horrified at the practice. Adults encouraging young women to mutilate themselves is something they find absolutely inexcusable.*

*And yet when I brought this up with regional director Amy Egger over the phone last Friday, she attempted to absolve any responsibility by the King County Library by simply saying, "That's an issue we leave up to the families."*

*How could the King County Library possibly claim to be leaving the decision of young girls using chest binders up to families when the King County Library made no effort at all to obtain official parental permission for kids as young as TEN to be there in the first place?*

*There was no age verification. There was no parental permission required.*

*During the Drag Queen performance, many people were filming. And for some reason the staff of the King County Library focused on two moms. It was decided that we two moms must somehow be in disagreement, when all we had done was the same as many other people, teens and adults alike.*

*When we two moms were dragged from the public event at the King County Public Library, no other adult was questioned. No other adult was asked if they had teens in the event. Only we two moms, who did not interfere with any part of the event in any way, were thrown from the public event taking place in a public building. The King County Public Library staff decided we two moms didn't agree with the event and because of the prejudice of the King County Public Library against Christians, or those whom they think might possibly be Christians, we alone were targeted and expelled.*

*Never once at any time inside the event did I proclaim to be a Christian. But I am unapologetically Christian. Being a Christian is not a crime. And neither is shining a light on the actions of other adults.*

Carrie French provided the following statement on behalf of Whitney Holz:

*I would like to voice my concerns about the library's involvement with Drag Queens and allowing them to use their facilities for readings and other activities involving minors. This isn't about homosexuality or gender identity. It is simply about the appropriateness of using Drag Queens to read stories to and interact with children and whether or not the public library should be facilitating these encounters.*

*As mentioned by a story time advocate during a recent interview with Fox's Martha MacCallum (aired 6/24), Drag Queens are a part of the bar scene. At its heart, Drag is about raunch, hyper-sexuality, and lewd humor ... all of which is fine in the proper setting and to the proper audience. Regardless of how they appear for certain events, the bulk of their craft is spent doing more adult shows and performances. During the age of social media and given its relevance in the lives of youth, it is irresponsible for adults not to expect kids who come in to contact with Queens at the library to then spend some time looking them up in the worlds of Facebook and Instagram to learn more about them. What they are faced with is a version of the Queen that is very different than the image presented to them and the Library is helping to set up this false image. When the Queens themselves entice the kids to follow their social media, this exposure to images and subjects far beyond their maturity level is nearly inevitable.*

*There was recently a teen event held at the Renton Library billed as "For Teens by Teens" at which several Drag Queens performed. After toned down but still questionable performances, when prompted, each Queen directed their audience of minors to follow them on Instagram. That moment was an opportunity for these adult male Drag Queens to tell the children that what they do outside of the library is not appropriate for their eyes. Instead, they directed them to their Instagram profiles where these children will be accosted by images like those I*

*have included with my letter. THIS is the reality of Drag and the life of a Drag Queen: grown men in various stages of undress, posing seductively and executing highly provocative and sexual routines. This is NOT OK FOR CHILDREN. In ANY other context or situation this would be considered predatory, but for some reason Drag gets a pass and it should not be that way. By bringing Drag Queens into their Libraries, the KCLS is responsible for putting minors in direct contact with these images and scenarios and as adults we have got to do a better job at filtering what is and is not appropriate subjects for children.*

*The sad reality of our world is that there are pedophiles out there who love to find organizations and communities like the Church, or Scouts, or Drag in which they can hide behind a facade they create while they slowly groom their victims into being more comfortable with sex and exposure. Drag is the only community where they are allowed to openly practice the art of grooming. We are eroding our children's natural defenses when we expose them to adult nakedness, lewdness and overt sexuality. We are deadening their warning signals and we all need to join together to protect our kids at any cost. Drag Queens should be on board with this. Anyone who has no intention to pervert the minds of children should be on board with this. The KCLS should have no part in facilitating the exposure of minors to a world which they are not prepared or mature enough to handle.*

Anne Smith said she appreciates that the matter is being taken seriously. She finds it frustrating as a community member that Facebook posts are being taken out of context, and said it is not about DQSH. It is systemic oppression and the belief that queer people shouldn't be part of society but shoved into nightclubs instead. On social media, opponents of DQSH actively use hate speech against queer people. She said when a group in power tries to oppress another group without taking the time to get to know them, the oppressed group won't be silenced. What is going on behind their façade is not kind or understanding. Although they are arguing the negative effects of chest binders, for a Trans man there is no safe place in school to get that information, so to be able to go to an event where one can ask questions is a beautiful thing. She hopes the Board will consider all this when moving forward.

Debbie Sabin provided the following statement:

*Drag Queens do NOT belong in our public libraries for story times or for drag shows!*

*Are you aware of the expanding phenomenon of "rapid-onset gender dysphoria", ROGD? Well, it didn't just happen organically! Research shows a 4,000% increase in teen girls being referred to gender clinics in the past year. It is here because gender fluidity is constantly coached into teens as a viable solution to all their problems along with a strong element of peer pressure. Today teens are exposed to the ultimate self-harm to try and find themselves and they think fix their problems, which is changing to the opposite sex.*

*Today's teens get constant messaging that their troubles are gender-based, like if they were actually a boy then maybe they wouldn't be bullied or be sexualized as a woman is in pornography. Research shows that up to 94% of children will "grow out" of their transgender identity after puberty and go on to live normal lives content with the gender they were born.*

*This sexualizing of kids and normalizing gender fluidity is all done with supposed good intent under the disguise of safe sex, diversity and inclusiveness, like the teen pride celebration at Renton library where kids were exposed to ideas they would not have thought of or have been exposed to otherwise.*

*At Renton Library, kids as young as nine years old were exposed to things like colored condoms, how to make a dental dam, lubricants, chest binders (which can cause many health issues, like broken ribs, blood vessels and punctured lungs) and given info from Planned Parenthood on taking hormones without parent consent and info from LifeLong about HIV prevention medications starting it as small as 77 pounds.! This is truly outrageous stuff! A nine-year-old still wants to be an astronaut or a fireman! Not sexualized by a Drag Queen.*

*This IS sexualizing children. This is a form of yes, pedophilia! Let our kids be children. Then, if they grow up naturally, to become homosexual it's their natural journey. Our public libraries*

*should be a safe, wholesome place for our kids to read and learn about our fascinating world, not forced into a lifestyle they are not emotionally mature enough to actually choose for themselves and deal with the permanent consequences.*

*Drag Queens belong in strip clubs and adult parties, not reading stories to toddlers sexualizing them, suggesting they grow up to be drag queens themselves. Most of the children I saw at these events looked horrified, NOT comfortable with what they saw. These young parents who take them may not even realize the damage and confusion they are inviting into their life and their child's life because they themselves have been indoctrinated into thinking that subjecting their child to this is inclusive, when in reality it undermines their own influence as a parent in their child's future.*

*Please stop all Drag Queen events at all King County Library Branches immediately!*

Mark Miloscia is the Executive Director of the Family Policy Institute of Washington, a Christian advocacy group that supports marriage, parental rights and religious freedom. As leaders of KCLS, he said it is the Board's job to get a sense of the community's concerns, and the community is concerned about the sexualization of children, which is a very real problem in Washington State. He said those he represents don't want their kids sexualized in schools or in a safe place like the library. He said he has had many jobs, but the best was his first job working in a library when he was 16. He was paid to search for books and brought home a stack every day to read. The library was a safe place for him, and he even skipped school to hang out there. Now he has heard from parents about the sexualization of children in libraries. He hopes the Board does not let the First Amendment be the argument for making decisions that take away what is a parent's responsibility, and said that libraries need to meet the needs of all people and all faiths.

Samuel Petit provided the following statement:

*"We need safe spaces.*

*When I was a teen in 1992, I was lucky enough to be involved at a community center LGBT group for teens in Spokane Washington.*

*Socially conservative Spokane...in the 90's. It was a single safe place where I was able to meet others that were like me. It was a place where I got to know teens who had been kicked out of their homes and abused for being who they truly were by fathers and mothers who could not love their children.*

*I was lucky. I do have parents who love and support me. But, a lot of these teens do not.*

*That was over 25 years ago. This is 2019. We need to do better. Not just a safe space...but safe spaces! Queer Groups for marginalized youth and teens in areas that desperately need it in community centers...and yes, libraries. Places where they can express, talk, build community and discover their authentic selves.*

*These teens created this event for themselves because, obviously, they would not find acceptance and support at home. Youth and teen groups of course absolutely need supervision and mentoring from caring and qualified adults, but what they don't need is religious fundamentalists and "concerned parents" attempting to get out-of-context "gotcha footage" to send to alt-right propaganda sites like THE BLAZE.*

*So to the library I say...good job. Keep reaching out to these youths and to the vulnerable in our communities. Keep these programs going and public spaces open to all members of the public. They may not launch perfectly, they do need work, but we must keep them.*

*Libraries are the perfect space for LGBTQIA members of the community to use their tax funded resources to gather, educate and learn. In essence, that is exactly what a library is for. Because they will not learn about being their authentic selves from the people in the front row here today. They need safe spaces to be educated in how to protect themselves*

*from those who wish to force them into closets, or out of the clothes they wish to wear, or the personal gender they wish to celebrate, emulate and become. They need safe spaces from those who are willing to try to shame or intimidate them into submission...such people that are going so far as to align themselves with known intimidation groups, identified by the Southern Poverty Law Center, like Proud Boys.*

*They are claiming to be victims in order to cover the victimizing they wish to do.*

*25 years later we need to move forward from only one safe space to many, because clearly the wolves are ready to attack, and like Anita Bryant in the 1970's, they will use our children to do it.*

King County resident Dave Ellenwood said he wanted to share his support for DQSH and other queer programming at KCLS. He said DQSH is a tremendous cultural phenomenon and he is happy it's happening in libraries. He feels it is incredibly important for his nephew's development and for his nephew's parent to have a place to celebrate gender identities. He said some who spoke earlier have claimed to be a harmless group of concerned citizens, but he noted that they have partnered with Proud Boys who have been seen carrying weapons. He doesn't want to expose his nephew to that kind of hate and violence. He said open spaces are important and should have limits on dehumanizing types of views and intimidating behaviors that might happen there. He recommends that DQSH events have more security and staffing to make sure attendees are safe, protected and can participate without antagonism. He asked the Board to support staff and to make sure they are safe and not subject to intimidation, some of which was seen here today. Lastly, he asked to please keep doing these kinds of events, and congratulated KCLS on the good work of facilitating them.

Rose Bend is a medical professional and said that LGBTQ people have been victims of child abuse and broken relationships and need professional medical treatment. Imposing their lifestyle sends a harmful message to children whose social, emotional, and physical health is not developed until age 21. Pursuing sexual activity before they are ready damages their brain and behavior. Exposing children to porn leads to rape, sexual assault, anxiety, fear, substance abuse, and suicide, which is the second leading cause of death in the State of Washington. She said that three Washingtonians a day die by suicide and lesbians, gays, transgendered, and bisexuals have a higher risk. She said that mental illness is preventable and needs to be treated. She said society needs to stop the gay propaganda and teach abstinence from sex before marriage and how to say no to drugs. She said the library needs to invite speakers who have good influence such as teachers, nurses, doctors, firefighters and other American heroes who can help kids be successful.

Kate Solomon provided the following statement:

*I wanted to state upfront and foremost that the Mission, Vision, and Values of KCLS are a boon to King County and its many different communities. They are admirably inclusive and I believe held up to the best of your abilities. Thank you.*

*I also want to thank you for providing Drag Queen Story Time. As a member of the LGBTQ community, I am happy and proud to see these wonderful performers give back to the community in a meaningful and tangible way. As a member of the LGBTQ community, I truly do believe I would have benefited from such programming as a child—I'd have felt less alone, less confused, would have felt seen and would have had a framework to understanding MYSELF at a much earlier age. Representation matters—for children and adults—and I applaud KCLS for hosting Drag Queen Story Time and any other additional programming for minority groups in the area. I hope such programming continues in the future.*



Chris Warner provided the following statement:

*I noticed that many who are voicing concern about Drag Queen Story Hour seem to have confused it with a teen sex education event. I attended a DQSH this week and found someone dressed up as princess reading books to children and parents.*

*I am a King County resident and appreciate these readings as opportunities to engage with a willing public. DQSH is an important piece of King County communities.*

*This is solidly positive programming to teach understanding, empathy, and how to conceptualize differences between us in a time when such experiences are critical.*

*I thank the King County Library System's mission for supporting these queens and protecting their space with full intellectual freedom to share culture and art, get children excited for reading, or to help anyone know they belong.*

*I can only cheer on the library's successes in public programming and efforts to bring us out and together when technology cannot replace the need for a space and presence.*

Alycia Ramirez said she is a King County resident and mother who is not seeking to pass judgment or make up lies, but to voice support for DQSH and address what one of the members said about Antifa calling supporters to counter-protest concerned moms. She said it was she and not Antifa who made the call, noting that she's not dangerous but just a mom who wants to expose her child to things that will open his mind. She said being gay or transgendered is not recognized as a mental illness by any reputable organization. She is upset that Proud Boys are filming those who speak as she has seen them attack members of her LGBTQ community and has been told she should be exterminated when she has confronted them. She said she shouldn't be intimidated for saying what she feels. She appreciates the DQSH programming and thinks it's a great thing for kids to get to know that community and for that community to have a place they can call home. She asked that the event not be cancelled. She stated that she does not appreciate having another mother telling her what she can and cannot do and she hopes others will do the same. She said there needs to be understanding in the current political climate and hopes the Board sees through it and protects everyone in the community, not just those who feel entitled.

Roberta Garcia thanked KCLS for offering DQSH and said her comments dovetail with a number of other people who have spoken in support of it. She said she came out in the 1980s while living in the south and had no one to turn to for help. She did not have a concerned mother, only a family who wanted to be rid of her and others who wanted to beat her, so she knows what it's like not to have a safe space to go to get questions answered when one is not getting support at home. Children realize when they are very young that they are not like everyone else and when they see a society that hates them, calling them an abomination and making them feel lesser than, it's horrible. She heard someone attribute comments to radical feminist lesbians but said there are trans-exclusive radical feminists. She wishes the pastor who spoke earlier had stayed as she would have like to discuss Christian values that equate to hate. She said she lived in the south and is also Mexican and she dealt with the Ku Klux Klan. She said whether someone is wearing white robes or black shirts and red caps, hate is hate and those who associate with them are hateful. She asked that KCLS continue with what it is doing because the children will appreciate it.

Nathan English provided the following statement:

*"I moved here from Idaho after college seeking a more open community, and I believe the Library's official vision encapsulates that idea of community: 'A world where knowledge allows diverse communities to prosper and grow.'*

*Providing a space for marginalized communities is a critical part of your vision and for that reason, I applaud the Pride programming at all King County Libraries. Thank you for following through with your mission 'to inspire the people of King County to succeed through ideas, INTERACTION, and information.'*

*If you don't want your child to attend these events, I have a simple solution: Don't take them."*

Vitaliy Piernotin said he is honored to live in the USA because it is a great country. Looking into the eyes of the Board members, he sees great experience, wisdom, and work for this great country and nation. As a husband and father of five, it is his kids who he is representing. When talking about a safe place, it used to be the library but not anymore. In his eyes, it is the same as a streetwalker. For him to have to hold the sign that he did is the most shameful moment of his life. America is a great nation with great culture and spiritual values. Other nations dream to live in the United States. The library used to be a safe place of wisdom but is now turning into a drag club. He said this is not about right or left. It is about morality and the death of the library. It is a funeral for this country's culture and spirituality and he is sad to say KCLS started it by opening the door. He worries about his kids and wants them to stay away from a place that offers a program where men dress as women.

Jason Anderson said he is the father of a gender non-conforming child and DQSH provides a space for children to be themselves and meet other kids who are similar to them. It also provides a place where parents can be comfortable and relaxed as well. As a parent, he has worked hard to find accepting spaces for his child where they can ask questions. Part of KCLS' mission statement is inclusiveness and it is great that there is an opportunity for kids and their families who are cast aside as different to have something that is inclusive, where his child can be themselves. It is hard and challenging but the library has facilitated that and he really appreciates it. He thanked the Board and librarians for the events and to please keep it up.

President Lalita Uppala announced closure of the Public Comment period. For those who had signed up but did not have an opportunity to speak, she asked for a show of hands in support of the comments made by the last two speakers to be included in the public record. The count was nine (9) in support of Mr. Piernotin's comments and sixteen (16) in support of Mr. Anderson's comments.

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Government Relations Manager John Sheller said that KCLS is subject to state regulation even though the Library System receives very little direct state funding. There are 15 legislative districts within KCLS' service area and of the 2,600 bills that were introduced in the legislature, only 38 were library-related. "Bill readers" review proposed legislation weekly and public libraries inform legislators of potential impacts as needed. In 2018, three library-related bills were passed, including Microsoft LinkedIn Learning Academy funding; Public Library Capital Improvement Grant program and I-1000, which repealed a ban on Affirmative Action. One bill to increase funding for public library internet filtering did not pass. Moving toward 2020, KCLS will continue its ongoing efforts to connect elected officials with their libraries to inform their decisions and reinforce their value to communities.

#### **eCARDS**

Operations Support Coordinator Elsa Steele and Business Applications Software Specialist Lisa Hill presented the different library card options KCLS makes available to patrons.

Patrons who want access to KCLS' complete collection of more than four million physical items, including books, DVDs, audiobooks, and magazines should get an all-access card. An all-access card also allows patrons to reserve and use public computers and printers. Patrons can apply for an all-access card at their local library, or online, but must provide identification

For those who want access to online library services only, KCLS introduced an eCard in July 2018. The application and approval process only takes a few minutes and results in almost immediate access to eBooks, Streaming music and films, research databases, exam preparation tools, online magazines and online classes.

Anyone who lives or owns property in King County can get eCards except for residents of Seattle, Hunts Point or Yarrow Point. Seattle residents qualify for an all-access card under a reciprocal agreement.

In 2018, KCLS averaged 315 successful eCard applicants per month. The number increased to 631 per month in 2019, and 91% of all applicants use their library number instantly. The highest user group is millennials followed by GenX.

Initially, the majority of applicants were from north and eastside communities. After adding Google AdWords in March 2019, patrons identified as residents from Kent, Burien and Auburn. The Top Five eMaterials for all eCard users are OverDrive, RB Magazines, Hoopla, Kanopy, and RB Audio.

#### **OVERDRIVE INSTANT DIGITAL CARDS**

Online Library Services Librarian Angela Nolet said that OverDrive has made it easier to borrow library eBooks that are found when patrons search Google for a title. Beginning July 1, 2019, patrons will see a link to OverDrive to the right of their search results giving them the option to create an Instant Digital Card (IDC) to check out the title. The patron must provide their name and a mobile phone number, and utilize an identity-verification service called Cognito to activate the card. OverDrive does not send the account information to Evergreen, so it is possible that a patron can have both an IDC in addition to a KCLS eCard. The IDC is valid for two years.

#### **FINANCE REPORT**

Fiscal year 2019 year-to-date revenues received are 52.5% of the Budget. Year-over-year revenues received increased \$2.3M, or 3.6%, and is mostly attributable to property-tax receipts totaling \$2.5M.

Fiscal year 2019 general-fund expenditures are 38.2% of the Budget. Year-over-year expenditures increased \$516K, or 1.1%.

Capital Investment Program (CIP) expenditures in May were 7.8% of the Total CIP budget and include expenditures for Major Maintenance (2.7% total budget expended); New Construction/Remodels (19.0% total budget expended); and Replacements (12.0% total budget expended).

As of May 2019, the Kent Panther Lake and Boulevard Park projects are completed. Total budget expended for the projects is 90% and 85.6%, respectively.

#### **RESOLUTION 2019-04 SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY (VEHICLE)**

Facilities Director Greg Smith said Resolution 2019-04 is the standard resolution and requested Board approval to surplus a forklift that is beyond its useful life. *Pamela Grad moved approval of Resolution 2019-04. Anne Repass seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

#### **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURES**

*Ron Higgs moved approval of Payroll expenditures for May in the amount of \$2,926,249.30: May 1-15 Ck#173851-173922; 190001-191246 and May 16-31 Ck#173923-173996; 210001-211255. Anne Repass seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

*Pamela Grad moved approval of General Fund #0010 expenditures for May in the amount of \$6,553,229.61: Travel Advances - Ck#1377-1378; (05/08) Ck#5010960-5010989; 1117856-1117882;1117883-1117959; (05/08) Ck#1117960-1117973;1117974-1118043; (05/09) Ck#5010990-5010992;1118044-1118049;1118050-1118056; (05/13) Ck#1118057-1118075;1118076-1118171; (05/16) Ck#5010993-5011021;1118172-1118196; (05/16) Ck#1118197-1118242;1118243-1118251; (05/21) Ck#1118252-1118263;1118264-1118342; (05/22nd Ck#1118343-1118352;1118353-1118449; (05/23) Ck#5011022-5011024;1118450-1118456; (05/24) Ck#1118457-1118482; (05/28) Ck#1118483; (05/30) Ck#1118484-1118505;1118506-1118633; (05/31) Ck#1118634; (06/03) Ck#1118635-1118675; (06/03) Ck#5011025; (06/05) Ck#1118676-1118678; Voids - Ck#5010965. Robin McClelland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

*Robin McClelland moved approval of Capital Project Fund 2005 #3070 expenditures for May in the amount of \$119,312.26: (05/08) Ck#3073989-3073990; (05/13) Ck#3073991; (05/16) Ck#3073992-3073993; (05/30) Ck#3073994-3073998. Pamela Grad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Snoqualmie Library showcased artwork created by students from Echo Glen Children's Center for Juvenile Rehabilitation. The exhibit entitled "Here But Not Here" gave students an opportunity to explore the realm of virtual reality while learning skills in digital media, storytelling, and self-expression.

KCLS staff were recognized by officials in their communities. Teen Service Librarian Carrie Bowman and the Mercer Island Library were awarded the Outstanding Community Partner Award by the Mercer Island High School Parent Teach Student Association. KCLS Regional Manager Michele Drovdahl and Librarian Services Manager Irene Wickstrom were similarly presented with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Issaquah City Council in recognition of their service to the residents of Issaquah.

KCLS received a "clean" financial statement audit from the Washington State Auditor's Office for fiscal year 2017.

**TRUSTEES REPORT**

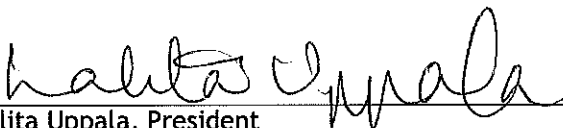
There were no reports from the Trustees.

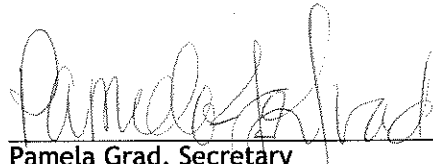
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Session was not convened.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

  
Lalita Uppala, President

  
Pamela Grad, Secretary