

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year so far has been a busy and successful one for Bellevue Friends of the Library and the libraries we serve. We held a well-attended annual meeting in June. After the reading of the Minutes of the 2014 meeting by Secretary Karen Kenny and a report from Treasurer Mary Terwilliger, we voted in new officers and welcomed Board members Carol Stromberg, Judy Berrett and Ned Kurabi. I would like to thank retiring Board members: Faiz Kass-Elias, Vice President and an excellent host for this year's annual meeting; Kathy Sweet, co-treasurer, who helped Mary Terwilliger keep us on target; and Nadine Feinstein, our Crossroads Liaison, who organized the ever popular Halloween book giveaway.

We honor a special volunteer at the annual meeting. This year, the Volunteer of the Year Award goes to Elaine Raby. We thank Elaine for her long service as Saturday Shop Volunteer, Bellevue Liaison and organizer of our Book Group and Shakespeare Group.



*Elaine Raby in the Corner Book Shop with her Volunteer of the Year award.*

The annual meeting is an opportunity for members to learn how their donations of time and money are being put to good use. Rebecca Tuck, our KCLS Library Liaison, spoke about the diversity of our patrons and how the money raised by our Friends group helps the library to accommodate the needs of different sections of our community through successful programs. One spectacular example was the Ukulele class attended by 75 patrons. Fortunately, many brought their own ukuleles since the instructor's loaners quickly ran out. Another success is the Story Times at Crossroads, so popular that they have had to be moved to a local community center where they continue to attract more patrons.

Gary Wasdin, our new KCLS Director, was this year's keynote speaker. He reminded us how fortunate King County residents are to be members of a community that believes in the value of libraries and is able and willing to provide the funds to support them. This creates a library system that attracts businesses and families to our area. Great libraries make great places to live. He spoke about the popular Summer Learning Program that keeps kids engaged through the long vacation and how teachers appreciate this support. He compared KCLS with library systems that have to compete with other community services for funding. This means many libraries close their doors several days a week. In contrast, on an early visit to Crossroads Mall, he found the library open at 8.00 on a Saturday evening and so busy that it was standing room only.

Libraries enrich our lives and provide access for all to a wealth of resources and great programs that appeal to everyone. Funds raised by BFOL enhance the services and programs KCLS is able to provide. This combination of community, Friends and amazing librarians makes KCLS one of the busiest library systems in the country year after year. Thank you for being a Friend of the Library and for attending our programs and meetings.

Our next membership meeting will be the Holiday Tea and Silent Auction on December 4th. We already have a list of amazing auction items, thanks to our generous local businesses that have shown how they value our libraries with great gifts. Some highlights: Great Harvest Bakery provided food for our Annual meeting and will provide food for the Holiday Tea as well as a gift basket for auction; Bellevue Fire Department has promised a ride to school on a fire truck; J A Jance will take two lucky people to lunch; Suite Lounge has donated Dinner and Wine for 6; a number of Northwest authors have given signed books. Stay tuned for more details and auction teasers in November.

*Tricia Morehouse Miller, President*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Vicky Cooper  
Joyce Ford  
Guntan Partani

*Karen Schmieder, Membership Secretary*

# GET READY FOR GREAT PROGRAMS THIS FALL!

We have some very interesting programs coming up this fall. We have the final Book Lovers Happy Hour on September 15th at the Tokyo Steak House. Participants are invited to come and talk about books with Bellevue librarians and other patrons. We have found dance demonstrations/classes to be very popular, so we are offering salsa and hip-hop dance classes in September and October.

Our cluster will have a presence at the Bellevue Firefighters 'Be a Hero 5k Run/Walk' and at the Blueberry Festival at Lake Hills Elementary. We'll be bringing the Library 2 Go vans. The Graphics Department at KCLS has produced paper masks for children that tie into the 'Be a Hero' Summer Learning Program theme, and the Friends have helped us by purchasing small packages of four crayons that will accompany the masks. Our participation in other local festivals has taught us that having small giveaways helps attract people to our table or van and then we can tell them about all of the programs and services that our libraries offer.

The World Cinema Salon will feature movies from different countries every week for a month. This series, now in its third year, gives us a chance to show movies that reflect the diversity of our patron base in Bellevue. They have been very popular with patrons from the country of origin of each film, patrons who want to learn about their neighbors and patrons who like a chance to see foreign films that are not shown elsewhere. The Friends purchase our movie license, which enables us to show movies for children, teens and adults throughout the year.

We very much appreciate the support of the Bellevue Friends of the Library for our programs. Your support allows us to offer a robust, diverse selection of programs for all ages.

*Rebecca Tuck  
Information and Librarian Services Manager  
Bellevue Library, Lake Hills Library,  
Library Connection @ Crossroads*

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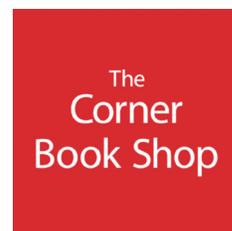
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*Nomination Committee: Marjorie Leidy (Chair),  
Barbara Bell, Mary Hickey, Suzanne Joseph,  
Karen Kenny and Gracia McAllister*

## THE CORNER BOOK SHOP



Business in the Book Shop is steadily increasing. We continue to see many new customers as well as regulars who come in every week to see what's new on the shelves. They know they will find great books at terrific

prices. Good sales mean we are always on the lookout for more donations. When you are cleaning out your closets, please remember the Corner Book Shop.

Congratulations to our longtime Saturday shop volunteer Elaine Raby, who received the Volunteer of the Year Award at this year's Annual Meeting. Elaine also chairs our very popular book club and Shakespeare programs. Most recently, she organized a very successful play reading. The group read *The Importance of Being Earnest* and enjoyed it so much that Elaine is planning another play reading in 2016.

*Suzanne Joseph, Corner Book Shop Chair*

## BECOME A MEMBER OF BFOL!

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Find us on Facebook!**

## TREASURER'S NOTES

The Corner Book Shop is having another stellar year. Through May we funded over \$9,000 of Library programs, and we head into the busy summer months during which time last year we supported over \$14,000 of programs. Your purchase of our used books makes this possible. Our average sale is less than \$5.

The Corner Book Shop averaged \$115 per day sales in May. Please continue to shop for a good read in our shop seven days a week! We can offer you a summer movie for less than the cost of a rental. We can also provide a jigsaw puzzle for that inevitable rainy day. Inventory that has been on the shelf for 60 days is reduced for quick clearance. Look for the red X on price tags on the last Thursday of the month.

Shop early and often for that rare find!

*Mary Terwilliger, Treasurer*

## VINTAGE AND RARE BOOK SALE!

*Thursday, September 24*

*Friday, September 25*

*Saturday, September 26*

## FALL EVENTS

**The Book Group** meets at Bellevue Library on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10am-Noon. Drop in and join the discussion—everyone is welcome.

September 16: *The Invention of Wings*  
by Sue Monk Kidd

October 21: *The Signature of All Things*  
by Elizabeth Gilbert

November 18: *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President* by Candace Millard

December 16: *The Painter* by Peter Heller



**The Shakespeare Group** will meet on Fridays, October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10:15am-12:15pm.

Drop in for a reading of *Henry VI*.

*Elaine Raby, Bellevue Liaison*

## LOCAL BUSINESSES AND AUTHORS SUPPORT KCLS!

Bellevue Fire Department  
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Seattle Shakespeare Company  
Suite Lounge  
Truce Spa at the Westin  
Zoo Books  
Fairmont Olympic Hotel

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS AT LAKE HILLS!

The Lake Hills Library supports teen creativity and learning with a number of programs supported by Bellevue Friends. Our Teen Zone meets each Wednesday during the school year and provides a safe and engaging environment for neighborhood kids age 12 and up. Here teens drop in and have a snack while they pick up a book or graphic novel, study, talk, or play a variety of board, card and video games.

As part of our *Unmask!* Teen Summer Learning Program, author and teacher Karen Finneyfrock will lead the *Write Your Novel Now! Writing Workshop*. Karen helps writers with anything from an idea to full first draft unlock their inner novelist. Teens and aspiring writers learn to create log lines for their stories, work with the elements of a scene and practice dialog, craft complex heroes with flaws and goals, and outline the major plot points of their books.

*Ian Chapman, Teen Services Librarian*  
*Lake Hills, Bellevue and Crossroads Libraries*



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## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES AT LAKE HILLS VILLAGE



*View of the new elevator tower and final building. The square of concrete below will be a stage for outside events at the village.*

The Lake Hills development has seen some major progress in the last few months with the construction of the new elevator tower and final building underway. Very soon, the parking area under the library will be turned into a grocery store (or something similar) and the elevator will be removed to expand the deck outside the

library. We are excited to see the end of a very long construction project getting closer and the vision of a European development becoming a reality. As of this writing, Gastronom (a German deli), Chinese Seafood Noodle and a day spa have all moved in.



*The front door of the library is on the left. Soon this deck will be complete and lead to the new elevator and stairs.*

*Norma Eades, Operations Supervisor, Lake Hills Library*