

Monroe Library Board  
Quarterly Board Meeting  
Thursday 9 May 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

**Attendance:** Tami Beaumont, Joan Brown, Betsy Lewis, Michael Mates, and Valerie Stevens. Guest presenter was Sno-Isle Library's Strategic Partnerships Manager, Cheryl Telford.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the 21 February 2013 meeting were approved with no changes.

**Sno-Isle Libraries Ambassador Corps.** Cheryl Telford presented the Ambassador Corps as part of the Strategic Plan to "recruit, train, equip, and empower" representatives who would use their own narratives to promote local libraries. A \$25,000 grant from the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation purchased the services of a consultant who gave five three-hour training sessions to 48 community ambassadors in 2012. The sessions guided participants in creating their own narratives, which were then videotaped. Telford showed several clips from the video, and offered streamlined training to Board members.

**Managing Librarian's Report.** Betsy Lewis presented a written report and highlighted these items: the Collaborative Summer Reading Program ("Dig into Reading"); the contract with ServiceMaster Building Maintenance for cleaning of library buildings; payment by the district for the presence of a security guard; the incorporation of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) into children's programs; and the "What is It" exhibit, which challenges children to identify accurately the object in a plexiglass display case.

**Sno-Isle Libraries Report.** Valerie Stevens reported that wireless printing was now available at each library, and that laptops could be checked out for use in the building. The next Issues that Matter, on gun violence, will be held on 16 May at the Rosehill Community Center in Mukilteo. A discussion of bullying will be held in the autumn. Early literacy seminars for child care providers have been presented in April and May. Two new programs—Getting Messy with Toddlers and Junior Writers (for teens)—are coming soon. Residents of Camano Island will vote in August on two measures: one to form a library taxing district on Camano and one to approve a \$2.3 million bond to purchase a building and turn it into the Camano Library. Stevens concluded with a clip from the 2 May Friends of the Library Appreciation Event, at which Washington State Poet Laureate Kathleen Flenniken spoke.

**New Business:** Betsy Lewis noted that a new applicant for the Board was under consideration, and said that volunteers are needed in June for the summer reading signup table. Shannon Nye and Katarina Vatne will provide training for the signup on 17 June. Tami Beaumont said that the 16 March Burke Museum archaeology presentation was one of the largest community meetings ever held at the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM and will reconvene on 8 August at 7:00 PM.