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## Literary Lions Gala Celebrates Reading and Libraries

*Community raises \$380,000 for library programs, including the beloved Summer Reading*

Author Daniel Handler (a.k.a. Lemony Snicket) delighted attendees at the March 11 Literary Lions Gala. Handler's keynote address capped off the evening's celebration which brought together 700 guests and **raised more than \$380,000** for the King County Library System's Summer Reading programs.



Gala co-chairs  
Mike Stranik and Sue Hwang

Handler was honored along with Master of Ceremonies Nancy Pearl and 17 esteemed authors as the 2017 Literary Lions. Authors like Lindy West and Tim Egan mixed and mingled with guests during the reception, sharing about their work and inspiration. Attendees also had the opportunity to learn more about their favorite characters from authors like Marissa Meyer and graphic novelist Kazu Kibuishi.

Once in the ballroom at the Bellevue Hyatt Regency, KCLS Foundation Board President Teresa Byers thanked the crowd for their continued support, explaining **"68% of the libraries' direct program costs are funded by donors like you."** She showed how KCLS engages more than 50,000 kids, teens, and adults in Summer Reading activities annually. Collectively, these library patrons read more than 17 million minutes – the equivalent of 32 years' worth of reading in just three months.

Daniel Handler took the stage near the end of the night weaving together stories, personal anecdotes, and

wisdom in his unique deadpan style that his avid readers immediately recognized. The crowd jumped to its feet in a standing ovation as Handler concluded his remarks sharing **"Libraries are our greatest solace and our greatest inspiration in this confounding world. And it is my honor to come and talk about them with you."**



Gala attendees showing off their bookish side

## New Tukwila Library Opens April 29

The doors are open and the books are on the shelves! The city of Tukwila happily celebrated the opening of their new library on the morning of Saturday, April 29. Performers and special activities delighted the crowds of Tukwila residents as they eagerly set foot in their new library for the first time.

**Tukwila is one of the most diverse zip codes in the United States** and the residents had been heavy users of their beloved Foster Library. But they had outgrown the space and a new location was needed. The new library, with double the square footage, will play host to countless community events, tutoring sessions, children's programs, story times, and cozy afternoons spent reading.

The Foundation's **\$1 million Capital Campaign** made it possible to complete this library, so it can be a community gathering place in this vibrant neighborhood.





# ideaX expands its reach, adding two anchor sites by 2020

With robots, stop animation, Ableton, and VR, the only question is – have you joined the fun yet?

Did you know an estimated 20,000 STEM-related jobs in Puget Sound are currently unfilled? Even more shocking, experts expect that number to double by the end of 2017!

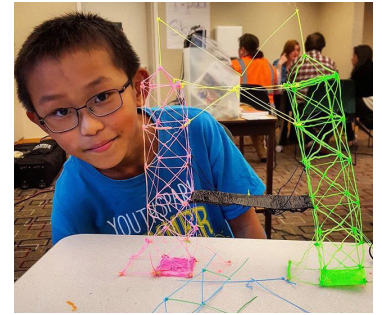
ideaX is the library's solution to this growing problem. KCLS is providing access to classes and workshops to kids and teens, teaching STEM skills they can build upon in hopes of inspiring them to start a career in science and technology. The library is uniquely positioned to fill this growing need with 49 locations, free services, and passionate staff who are ready to help.

ideaX is reaching teens and tweens with innovative tech programs including **coding, music and video mixing, 3D printing, virtual reality, robotics, and more**. Debuting last year, ideaX has been a hit for kids to discover the fun they can have at the library.

Thanks to your generous donations in 2016, ideaX is expanding! Librarians are finding new ways to deliver these exciting programs to the community, including adding programs for all ages and increasing the number of mobile ideaX programs to reach kids where they live and play.



But this is just the beginning. KCLS has just announced plans to develop **two ideaX anchor sites** – one at the Bellevue library and another at a library in the South end of the KCLS service area. This means that curious minds of all ages will soon be able to access emerging technology and build valuable skills **for free** at dedicated locations.



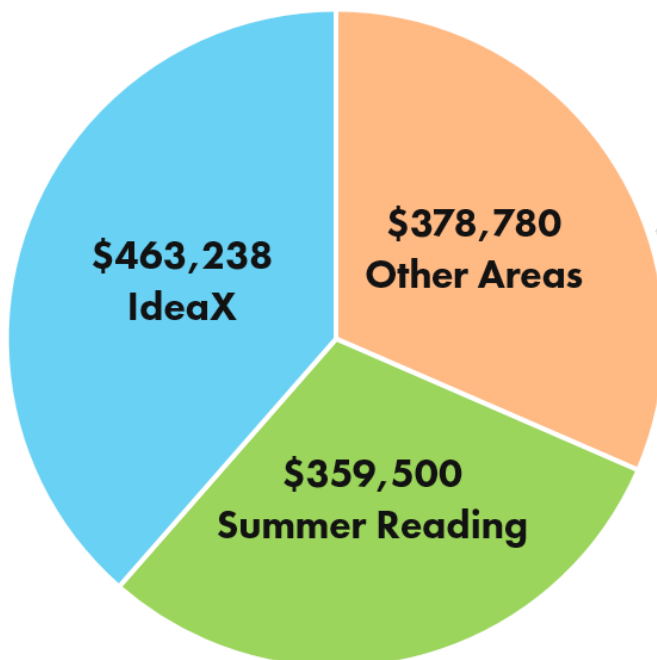
The KCLS Foundation is standing behind KCLS in support of this exciting initiative. In 2017, the **Foundation will provide \$463,238 of funding to ideaX** for the program expansion and anchor site development, with the intention to increase this funding significantly in 2018 and 2019.

You can see the impact of this exciting program during the **Xperience! Music & Technology Festival at the Bellevue Library on May 20-21**. This ideaX showcase will feature workshops in the many ideaX technologies, performances by ideaX alumni, and discussion on the future of the program. Search "ideaX" on the KCLS events calendar to find more information on this and other upcoming ideaX programs at a library near you.

## Your Donations Fund These Amazing Programs in 2017

Be a part of this record-breaking year for the King County Library System Foundation

This year, the KCLS Foundation will provide a record-breaking \$1.2 million to KCLS for library programs and services. This means that **68% of all direct costs for library programs are funded by donors like you** through the KCLS Foundation. 2017 program funding is separated into three areas each taking about a third of the pie – Summer Reading, ideaX, and Other Program Areas.



### Other Program Areas

- **Children and Teens:** Raising a Reader, Global Reading Challenge for 4th and 5th graders, Story Times in multiple languages, Teen Voices, Barbershop Books
- **Diversity:** LGBTQ Youth Advisory Board, Literacy Towards Citizenship courses, Spanish Literacy programs such as Plazas Comunitarias, Adaptive Technologies
- **Adults:** Hot Spot Lending, 10 To Try reading challenge, Author visits and Reading Parties, Know Your History genealogy, Take Time to Read bookshelves in the community, Dementia-Friendly Arts Classes, Arts Tech and Aging Summit, Wisdom Cafés

## Author Salons Tickets Available Now

*Enjoy dinner with authors at trendy spots around the city*

Tickets for a few select Author Salons are still available! This is your chance to share food, wine, and conversation with a best-selling author in a sought-after Seattle locale. Autographed books included!

Purchase your ticket today, before they are all gone.

[kclsfoundation.org/salons](http://kclsfoundation.org/salons)



Join Ciscoe Morris at his Author Salon at DeLille Cellars

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*A simple way to support your favorite charities*

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## Summer Reading begins June 1, plus more summer fun

*Your donations bring enrichment and fun through reading challenges, children's activities, teen hangouts, and author visits for all ages*

If you've ever stepped foot in a KCLS library during the busy summer months, then you know that the libraries transform from June to September. What may usually be a cozy place becomes a hub for summer fun with **magic shows, LEGO competitions, coding camps, and reading parties** – encouraging people of all ages to keep reading and learning.

The fun starts on June 1 and kick-off events are planned for each region to debut this year's reading challenge for kids, teens, and adults. Yes, that's right – for the second year adults will have their own Summer Reading program! When they see the adults in their lives reading, kids are more likely to pick up a book and keep up the habit throughout their lives, leading to better performance in school and beyond.



But summer isn't just about reading – it's also a time to bring the fun outside the library. Kids from lower income areas often struggle during the summer months, with parents at work and no extra money for expensive camps. To reach kids from all neighborhoods, KCLS brings the bright red **Library2Go vans to parks, community centers, YMCA camps, and apartment complexes – handing out free books and nutritious meals** with our nonprofit partners. Last year, KCLS librarians handed out 21,444 books and 8,999 meals!

Because of your generous donations, the KCLS Foundation will give **\$356,500 to KCLS for Summer Reading programs in 2017**. Show your support for these beloved programs by making a tax-deductible donation at [kclsfoundation.org/donate](http://kclsfoundation.org/donate).

To find info on Summer Reading and other summer programs at your library, visit [kcls.org/summer](http://kcls.org/summer) or search "summer reading" on the KCLS events calendar.



# Resources for Readers, Finding Your Perfect Match

*How will you decide what to read next?*

With new books arriving in our libraries every day, choosing what to read next isn't always easy! Luckily, KCLS has tools and services to help you select the perfect book.

The first stop on your quest for your next favorite read should be **BookMatch** ([kcls.org/bookmatch](http://kcls.org/bookmatch)). Fill out a short survey about your reading preferences and get a personalized list of recommendations created just for you. There's no request too specialized or too general: whether you're looking for audiobook versions of lighthearted mysteries set in 1920s England with a female detective or you've just finished *The Boys in the Boat* and want something similar, we're here to help!

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Guests of The Boeing Company with Author Lindy West

## Summer Author Events

*Free events, coming soon to a library near you*

Pulitzer Prize winning author  
**Geraldine Brooks** at  
the Kirkland Performance  
Center, June 21 at 7:30pm

**Stephanie Dray and  
Laura Kamoie** at the Vashon  
Library, June 26 at 7:00pm

**Gregg Hurwitz** at  
the Redmond Library,  
July 20 at 7:00pm

**Natalie Baszile** at the Burien  
Library, July 22 at 2:00pm



Author Jim Lynch at his  
Author Event last summer

## Book Sorting Tour

Have you ever wondered how KCLS can **circulate more than 20 million items in a year** or how that book you put on hold can be waiting for you in just two short days?

The KCLS Foundation invites you on a special tour of the KCLS "Materials Distribution Services" facility in Preston, WA. This behind the scenes, 90 minute tour is fun and fascinating. Come see for yourself why KCLS is the reigning National Sorting Champion!

To make your reservation, contact the KCLS Foundation office at 425-369-3448 or [info@kclsfoundation.org](mailto:info@kclsfoundation.org).