



June 1, 2022, at 1 p.m. Wisdom Café with King County Librarian Zlatina Encheva hosting

### **"JOY OF SUMMER"**

Question 1: Do you have a favorite season?

Majority of people love Spring.

- Spring is the best
- Spring is refreshing, a new start and has a lot of hope ahead
- Plant tomatoes in Spring
- Spring has longer evenings
- Love cherry blossoms
- Love planting bulbs

Some people love Autumn

- Pace is slower at this time of the year
- Love Autumn because the summer is too hot
- Colors of the leaves

Question 2: What's the first thing that comes into your mind about Summer?

- Vacation
- BBQ
- Swimming
- Farmers market
- Picnics
- Air conditioning
- Can go out until 8:30 p.m. or so
- House painting

Question 3: What were your childhood activities and adventures?

- Art class during the summer by school
- Swim team in a pool
- Made our own games, used imagination

- Mowed the grass twice a month, hide in the grass (favorite game)
- Walked in the mountains, to the top of the mountain (hill)
- Kickball (played until the streetlights came on and went home)
- Enjoy all nature
- Penny Candy (My dad gave me 10 pennies and I could spend it at the store)
- Summer school (art class)
- Trips to National Parks (My dad took me)
- Travel Europe
- Church camp once a year was wonderful (took hikes, swim in a pool, etc.)
- Baseball game at night (until dark)
- Lived in Oregon, there was a flat yard in the neighborhood, my mom used the sprinkler, we ran under the sprinkler and played Red Rover - it was fun, we loved it.
- Went to Summer-ready program at the library
- Railway trip to nearest beach from our village and came back home late
- In my childhood, I took off my shoes on a last day of school until the end of the Summer, my feet hurt for the first week; later I went everywhere without shoes. Sidewalks were too hot, kept in the grass areas.
- Went to Summer camps
- Family car trips
- I was a lifeguard
- I went to Japanese summer dance festival (called Bon Odori)

Question 4: Imagine some of the Summertime foods, you enjoyed as a child. What do you picture?

- Popsicles
- Ice cream
- Watermelon (spit seed game)
- Potato salads
- Corn on the cob
- Homemade ice cream (from my mom's special recipe as a family tradition)
- Picking blackberries and wild strawberries (pound and pounds of berries, ate all, and became sick!)
- Lemonade stand

Our local attendees today originally came from the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Japan, and from all over!

Wisdom Cafes continue "1st Wednesdays" each month at 1 pm. Join us!

Notes taken by KimO