

**CITY OF FREEPORT  
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 21, 2014**

The Freeport Library Board met on October 21, 2014 with the following members in attendance:

Brock Owens  
Lila Lloyd  
June Strambler  
Margie Edwards  
Lisa Lorranc

Martin Velez  
James Walker  
Nancy Hughes  
Natalie McAdams, Branch Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. October 21, 2014.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Verbal minutes were reported by Natalie McAdams. No written report was available.

**BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. New floor was installed September 7<sup>th</sup> thru September 26<sup>th</sup>. The library was closed for this length of time. The floors are peeling in one area by the water fountain. Will be removed on a day when the library is closed.
2. Fire alarm system does not work. Alarms in a loop. Martin Velez contacted Mr. Paynes who was not aware of the situation. We are now in ADA compliant with the new automatic door. All shelves are 36" apart. We also received new furniture that is ADA compliant.
3. Cathy Sumner moved to Alvin Library. Natalie interviewed yesterday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, and will hire shortly.
4. The Freeport library was closed for 3 weeks due to improvements and we still are 5<sup>th</sup> in County for internet usage. Yolanda has a Romance Book Club, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday night. Teen reading club attendance is down compared to 2013. Martin suggested contacting the student councils at Brazosport High School and Freeport Intermediate School to see if they could encourage attendance.
5. Previous programs – cancelled for the month of September.
6. Upcoming programming includes: Trick or Treat; November 1<sup>st</sup>, Hobby craft with Sherrie – teacup bird feeders; November 13<sup>th</sup>, TDECU reps for adults; November 17<sup>th</sup> – Yolanda Romance club; and December 6<sup>th</sup> Craft Day.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

In the absence of the Library Director, Lisa Lorrance reported:

1. System wide door count first week in November.
2. October 30<sup>th</sup> was the author dinner at Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$40. The Freeport Library basket donation has to be at the fairgrounds by 2:00 p.m.

3. Ebooks – e-audio, Hoopla. Adding Flipster for magazines. Newsband Digital Bank for newspapers. All newspapers will be approximately 3 days behind.
4. Gale courses – wide variety of online self-paced classes – Free – certificate provided upon completion.
5. Building projects district wide – Pearland Westside grew from 4,000 to 10,000 square feet; main Pearland library grew from 11,000 to 33,000 square feet. City of Pearland is paying for building and furniture. Library pays for staff. Sweeney has raised 2/3rds money to add a meeting room (shared community center).

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

June Strambler  
Secretary  
Freeport Library Board