

CITY OF FREEPORT)
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)
STATE OF TEXAS)

Be it remembered that on this eighth day of January, 2008 the board of the Freeport Branch Library met in session with the following persons present:

June Strambler	Rita Angle-Cundiff
Joyce Girouard	Marge Janke, Branch Librarian
Nancy Hughes	Cathy Threadgill, Library Systems
Margie Edwards	Director
Clan Cameron, Freeport City Council Liason	

The minutes were read and approved

Marge read the Branch Librarian's Report. Please see Attachment 1.

Joyce reported for the Friends that the date for the Silver Tea has been set for April 19, 2008, from 2-4 pm, at the Tarver home on A Street.

Cathy reported that a grant from HALS, which would provide training for library clerks and professional employees has been applied for.

She announced that the First Annual Dinner with the Author would be on April 29, 2008 at 7:00 pm, at the Presbyterian Church fellowship hall in Angleton. Tickets are \$30.00 each. People are needed to sell tickets and also to recruit sponsors.

Funds have been approved for all Freeport school to be online for AR books as soon as all final arrangements are made. Funds for this "Read the Books" project were provided by the Freeport Friends at \$25.00 per school. Students or parents may then see from home, what books are available, title, author and point value.

The county book sale will begin with set-up on January 24 at the Angleton Library at 10:00 AM. Sales will begin on Thursday evening and 9 AM-6 AM on Friday and Saturday. Volunteers are need for set-up, clean up and for 2 hour shifts for sales. She also mentioned that any 501 C-3 organization can pick up, free, left over books after 6 PM on Saturday if they make arrangements with her beforehand.

Margie Edwards, from the County Library Foundation, reported that the Author Dinner committee is asking each Friends group to provide a "basket" of goodies for a silent auction to benefit the Foundation which provides non-budgeted items for use by all eleven county library branches.

Next meeting date will be April 1, 2008 at 4:45 P.M.

Adjournment was at 5:25 P.M.

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Freeport's FYI

December was a very busy month at the library. The Brazosport Founders Garden Club and the Friends decorated our library and did a wonderful job decking the halls. The book club had its second annual feast of hotdogs, chili and Frito pies. Entertainment featured a Power Point presentation, the year in review showcasing the members in some of their most memorable moments. The group managed time to discuss The Shepherd, the Angel, and Walter the Christmas Miracle Dog by Dave Barry.

Kitty and I represented the library at Holiday on the Brazos, December 6th. Jingle bell wreaths will be adorning the trees of 235 children. They really enjoyed the make-and-take craft, and it's nice to see families helping their children with the project. Thank you to the Friends for funding the craft kits.

The head of Freeport's Main Street brought a wooden snowman to the library for us to decorate. All the city departments participated. The snowmen will be placed in the downtown area for all to see during December and January. Think snowman with, computer keys for eyes and buttons, computer mice for hands holding a library card and books. A gift certificate to On the River was given to the family courtesy of The Friends.

Many thanks to the chairpersons of Craft Day With Mrs. Claus: Marilyn Saccomanno, Virginia Tippen and Margaret Cast for their hard work.

The residents of Hearthstone loaned us jigsaw puzzles that they had assembled for our display window. They liked the idea that we wanted to display their puzzles, and it was something different for all to enjoy.

We welcomed Celeste Escobedo, our new shelver to our staff.

Helping Hands and Hospice held a holiday craft class here on December 6th. The children made friendship jars of soup to give as presents to a special person in their life. We thank them for their outreach to our library and community.

Yolanda Cantu attended a presentation about the "Talking Book" program. She returned with literature for staff and patrons.

Kitty is holding a winter wreath craft class January 3rd. Again thanks to The Friends for providing the craft kits to make this class possible.

Our children's librarian will be taking a new position as head of the cataloging department in Angleton. It is a promotion, but we will miss her.