

Freeport Library Board
Meeting minutes July 5, 2011

The Board of the Freeport Library met on July 5, 2011 with the following persons present:

Laverne Siemers	Rita Angel-Cundieff
June Stramber	James Walker
Nancy Hughes	Marge Edwards
Cindy Yell, Freeport Branch Manager	Catherine Threadgill, County Librarian

Call to Order:

Rita Angel-Cundieff called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the April meeting were not presented.

Branch Manager's Report:

Please see attachment No. 1

Children's Specialist's Report:

Please see attachment No. 2

Brazoria County Library System Director's Report:

Cathy Threadgill reported that the County Book Sale will take place in the Angleton Library's meeting room the first weekend in August. Volunteers are needed. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Freeport Library.

Ms. Threadgill reported on funding cuts to the state library. The Texas State Library is getting a 64% cut in funding in FY2012-2013, resulting in severe ramifications for Brazoria County Library System. The Loan Star Libraries grant program will be eliminated. The state will continue to support the Interlibrary loan (ILL) network, but not as much as before. Universities will be primarily affected by the loss of ILL funds. TexShare funds, used to maintain library databases, will be cut from \$8M to \$2.5M. This will result in increased database costs for the library system. The State Library will consolidate continuing education programs across the state, and all training is being moved online rather than face-to-face. Texas' Summer Reading Program will not be funded after 2012. We will join the national consortium in 2013 and use the theme and materials for the national program.

The county library budget will have to absorb these increases.

In preparations for the FY2012 budget, the county has requested a full time position to staff the Pearland Westside substation. It is the 2nd busiest location in the library system.

The BCLS Foundation is looking for authors for their 2012 author dinner and fundraiser.

West Columbia's Friends group is trying to get a larger facility.

Overdrive, the library's new service for downloadable eBooks and audiobooks, has become incredibly popular since it was first offered. We are having trouble keeping up with demand.

Old Business

None

New Business

The next BCLS booksale is scheduled for the first weekend in August.

Adjournment

The next meeting date will be October 4, 2011. Adjournment was at 5:30 pm.

Jane Strumler
Chairman, Pastors