

CITY OF FREEPORT)(

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)(

STATE OF TEXAS)(

The Board of the Freeport Library met on April 6, 2010 with the following persons present:

Joyce Girouard	Rita Angel-Cundiff
June Strambler	Nancy Hughes
James John Walker	Margie Edwards
Marge Janke, Librarian	
Cathy Threadgill, Brazoria County Library Systems Manager	
Lisa Loranc, Brazoria County Library Systems Assistant Manager	

CALL TO ORDER:

June Strambler called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting were read and approved.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

Marge reported that the Children's Specialist position, vacant since October, 2009, had been filled. Rebecca Watts was hired and began her duties on April 5, 2010.

Marge also reported on the library activities for the past quarter. Please see Attachment No. 1. She distributed a flyer listing all of the upcoming summer reading programs. The theme this year is "Catch the Reading Express". Please See Attachment No. 2.

BRAZORIA COUNTY SYSTEMS MANAGER'S REPORT:

Cathy Threadgill reported that the Pearland Westside group met with their city council and the Brazoria County Attorney, to achieve approval for the next step in their quest for a full branch library in their area. A grand opening for their new pick-up-and-drop-off facility at 2150 Country Place Parkway, Pearland, will be held on June 8, 2010. The facility will be open twenty hours per week and have one clerk.

Polaris, the new Integrated Library Software System, has been installed. County staff members have been trained and Freeport's staff will receive training next week. System-wide training will be completed by April 28, 2010. The public will not notice much change, but the staff will see a much needed reduction in the time spent checking out books and other operations.

County Library Board member, Muriel Hammond, representing Sweeny, died March 30, 2010. She had helped to organize the county library board in 1972 and served on the board since February, 1983.

FREEPORT'S COUNTY LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

Margie Edwards reported that the Brazoria County Foundation's "Dinner With The Author" evening was a success. The speaker presented an interesting and entertaining program. The silent auction and the food completed a pleasant evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Long Range Planning information collection begins in May. Board members were asked to think of library patrons, city officials, business persons, school personnel and others who might be willing to help with this.

The Alvin Library, already closed for mold remediation, had a fire on April 28, 2010. County property has been cleaned and moved to appropriate storage and staff has been temporarily assigned to other libraries while awaiting further action by the Alvin City Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lisa Laronc asked if the board might meet Rebecca Watts. Rebecca has a local background, and remembers the Freeport library from childhood. She is well qualified and enthusiastic. We welcome her back to the Freeport library.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting date will be July 13, 2010. Adjournment was at 5:30 PM.


Chairperson

Branch Manager's report for April 6, 2010 meeting

Children's specialist position

Rebecca Watts is our new children's specialist. She began her duties with us yesterday. She seems very enthusiastic and eager to work with our children.

Home Depot Program

Monday of Spring Break the Home Depot Kids Workshop was held. 28 children and 15 adults attended. The library sounded like it was being remodeled with 28 hammering children pounding on their nails. It was a wonderful family event, and it was well-attended. The children left with their completed crafts and an orange Home Depot apron. The two store employees did an outstanding job. I was very pleased and so were the attendees.

AARP

The volunteers have helped many, many people with their taxes, and we're so glad the Freeport Library is a site that they use.

Census site

The library is also being used as a census site. A census worker is here to help anyone with any census questions or to actually help them complete the form.

Early Voting

Early voting is taking place twice during April, April 5 through April 9 and April 26 through May 4.

Summer Reading Club

The programs are in place, and the flyers are ready to be distributed to the schools and daycares. See handout.