

CITY OF FREEPORT
Library Board Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2013

The Freeport Library Board met on January 15th, 2013 with the following members in attendance:

Rita Angel-Cundieff	Peggy Osburn
Lila Lloyd	Nancy Hughes
Nancy Hackney, Branch Manager	June Strambler
Catherine Threadgill, County Librarian	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 pm, January 15, 2013

Before we followed the agenda items, the following business was conducted:

Peggy Osburn was introduced to the board members, Peggy had been appointed to the board by the Freeport City Council in the December, 2012 meeting.

Rita Angel-Cundieff is the President of the Freeport Library Board, Nancy Hughes is Vice-President and June Strambler is secretary.

Natalie McAdams, the Freeport Library's Childrens Specialist was introduced to the board members. Natalie started December 31, 2012.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the July 3rd, 2012 meeting were approved with the following correction:

Catharine Threadgill should be: Catherine Threadgill.

There was not a quorum for the October 2nd, 2012 meeting.

Branch Manager's Report

The library building is not adequate for wi-fi for the Dow grant laptops. Instead the laptops will be connected to a hub.

The Zombia Walk held on October 24th was fun.

The Cynthia & Greg Leitich Smith author visit on October 6th, 2012 was successful.

Also, Raymond Burroughs visit on November 3rd, 2012 was well-attended.

See Attachment 1 for additions to the Branch Manager's Report.

County Librarian's Report

The County Library System is having a book sale January, 24, 25 & 26, 2013. Clean-up will be January 28th. There are almost no children's books left to sell. Better World Books takes some books that are shipped overseas. Non-profit organizations go through books that have not sold and the rest go to landfill.

The store-front library in the west side of Pearland is scheduled for May/June 2013 opening.

There are lots of staff vacancies – sick leave, surgery leave, resignations, etc. Maybe only two libraries are fully staffed.

The Annual Report for the State Library is in progress. We have until January 31 to collect data, with the completed report submitted by March 31, 2013.

The Little Library Project has been abandoned by the Brazoria County Library System. Although “take one – leave one” book stations are springing up all over the county.

The Library Foundation Dinner will use the book “Murder by the Book”. No date for the dinner is available yet. If not notified by February we may go to a back-up plan.

The 83rd Legislative started last week. Hopefully the library system budget will get a little increase.

The Brazoria County Library System picnic was held November 11, 2012 and was very successful. Suggestions for the next picnic include having it at the beach, in the spring and on a 2-day weekend not a 3-day weekend.

Old Business

New Business

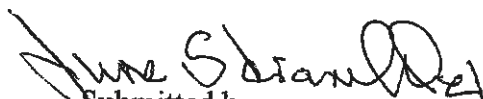
It is not feasible to open the Freeport Library for half day on Fridays. No salaries are available to pay or train anyone. Any new staffing will be for the Pearland West branch. The Library Board is the liaison between the City of Freeport and the Brazoria County Library System.

Patrons can donate newspaper subscriptions if they are permanent and not just year-long subscriptions.

Magazine subscriptions are paid for out of Brazoria County General funds.

Library meeting rooms are available to the public for any type of meeting but only for a limited number of meetings and limited to 3 months in advance. There is no fee associated with the meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm with the next meeting scheduled for April 9th, 2013 at 4:45 pm.



Submitted by
June Strambler

Friends of the Freeport Library
Branch Manager's Report
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Children's Specialist Rebecca Watts left on November 29. She was replaced by Natalie McAdams who arrived on December 31.

The order for the Dow grant laptops is hung-up in IS. Beverley Prior is looking into it. The software has been ordered. Heard today that the laptop order has been placed.

On December 1, sixty-nine children and sixty adults visited the library to meet Mrs. Claus.

The Freeport Book Club held their Christmas party on December 5 and discussed Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol".

The library participated in the city's Holiday on the Brazos on December 6, held in the municipal park. Melissa Niebuhr, Manvel branch Manager, came down and helped me distribute almost 200 magic scratch crafts and give out information about the library. Over the next few days we had several people come in to get cards for their children and say that we had talked to them at the event.

January 10 e-Reader program

February 11 "Key to My Heart" altered key craft program.

Annual Report—I need information from the treasurer about monies spent by the Friends for the library in the past year.

Storytime will move to Wednesdays in February.

Planning for 2013 Summer Reading Clubs - Attachment 2

Attachment 1

Summer Reading Club Projected Plans/Expenses

June 1, 2013: Summer Reading Club Kick-Off Party

- 10 am – 1 pm
- Bounce House: \$80.00
- Houston Clown Fun (details and expense to follow)
- Mighty Mighty Exhibition Team – gymnastics (details and expense to follow)
- Ronald McDonald Storytime (free)
- Possibility of a dance group and/or petting zoo/pony rides
- Dominoes Pizza (free)

June 4, 2013: Teen Craft and Movie

- Movie TBD
- Craft TBD
- Popcorn
- Free

June 6, 2013: Buried Treasure

- Storytime about pirates
- Decorate pirate hats
- Decorate treasure chests
- Free

June 12, 2013: Song Solutions with Mark and Donna Shepherd

- Rainforest Dig theme
- \$175-\$200

June 13, 2013: Incredible Events: Jungle Jack

- 11 am
- \$300

June 15, 2013: Father's Day Tie Craft

- 11 am
- Children decorate ties for their fathers' for Father's Day
- Free

June 20, 2013: Dirt Dessert

- 5 pm
- Children and teens make Oreo Cookie dirt desserts
- Free

June 26, 2013: Reptiles with Ruby

- 2 pm
- Live animals for children to learn about and pet
- Free

Attachment 2

June 29, 2013: Dinosaur Dig

- 11 am
- Children dig up pretend dinosaur bones
- Cost of supplies

July 2, 2013: Pre-Teen and Teen Game Night

- 5-8 pm
- Pre-teens and teens get together for popcorn and board games
- Free

July 3, 2013: Fourth of July Craft and Cook Out

- 11 am – 1 pm
- Children make pretend sparklers
- Hotdogs, chips, and soda to eat
- Games
- Cost of food/drinks

July 9, 2013: SPCA

- Teaching children how to care for pets
- Free

July 11, 2013: Funco Productions “Imagination Station: Mysteries Under the Earth!”

- 11 am
- For children pre-school through elementary
- 45 minute presentation
- \$250.00

July 13, 2013: United Way

- Demonstration and motivation for pre-teens and teens to stay active
- Free

July 16, 2013: Hop along Nighttime Storytime

- Pre-school storytime
- 7 pm
- Puppet show
- Possible live bunny
- Books on bunnies
- Free

July 17, 2013: Mini Coastal Expo

- 2 pm
- Free

July 23, 2013: Make Your Garden Grow Storytime

- Garden stories
- Garden memory game
- Free

July 31, 2013: End of Summer Reading Party and Awards

- No events set up yet
- Awards
- Food
- Craft to be determined
- Cost of food/drink