

City of Freeport
Library Board Meeting Minutes
April 28th, 2015

The Freeport Library Board met on April 28th, 2015 with the following members in attendance:

Lila Lloyd	June Strambler
Margie Edwards	James Walker
Lisa Lorranc	Natalie McAdams

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2015.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from January 6, 2015 were approved as read.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lisa Lorranc presented the Library Director's Report on behalf of David Thrash.

1. Natalie McAdams and Cindy Yell presented a seminar at the recent Texas Librarians Association in Austin, Texas. Natalie spoke on the use of STEM activities at the Freeport Library and Cindy presented on the DIY collection of Brazoria County Library System. Both were well received. Note: DIY collection includes tools for camping, utensils, craft tools, telescope, and other "actual" tools. The collection is currently stored at LJ library and will eventually expand to other libraries with adequate storage space. Items have to be returned in same condition as rented, late fine is from \$1 up to cost of item and lost items are billed at cost price.
2. Fiscal Year 2016 – no major changes to services or expansion. E-Branch is up and going.
3. Wi-fi boosters – Brazoria County Library System is experiencing bandwidth issues at some branches due to public computer usage. The BCLS is asking that Friends groups at the individual libraries contribute \$40 to activate hot-spot hubs and pay \$10 monthly

hub fee for one year. Larger libraries may need 2 hot-spot hubs but Freeport does not. Each hub can accommodate up to 10 users and will cut down on band-width issues.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Amelia, the Freeport shelver, resigned.
2. Statistics - Freeport Favorites is a newsletter that lists current/new books under the different genres. BCLS site lists all the newsletters available to patrons. Freeport Library Facebook page has 98-100 followers. Freeport City and Freeport Police Department facebook pages are the most popular.
3. Programming – During the month of February 147 people attended programs hosted by the Freeport Library. That number decreased to 123 in March. During those same months 23 programs were offered; summertime there will be a program every other day. (Galaxy slime program 7 kids; Saturday Brew and Browse had 26 adults) Brazosport College came and surveyed the ESL program. Over 100 languages are offered. During March the Library held a Work/Health Fair. 35 adults and 67 kids attended. Resources are available at the library. March 14th was Pi day so the library held a mini-pie day with 12 kids and 13 adults in attendance.
4. Long range plan – 2016 – In which direction do patrons see the library heading in the future? If you are interested in attending this meeting give you name and number to Natalie.
5. Upcoming programming – Summer Reading Club starts June 1st with a “kick-off” party on June 6th offering pizza, bounce-house and Ronald McDonald. There will be a Teen Reading Club and a Passport Club. The Passport Club requirements are to read a book from each continent and have your name entered into a drawing. Additional entry if you read a book from Antarctica. The library will also offer Movies for Adults on Tuesdays. In the Fall Natalie will offer a “Thriller Thursday” book club every 2nd Thursday at 12:00 noon.

Note: The BCLS will close the Freeport branch on River Fest Saturdays in April due to the city using library patron parking spaces for handicapped parking during the River Fest.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m

June Strambler

Secretary

Freeport Library Board.