

Freeport Library Board Meeting
April 3, 2007

We have been very busy at the library either having programs or getting ready for programs. Our second intergenerational game night was held February 13th. Valentine Pictionary Game Night was enjoyed by 22 game participants. A light supper of hot dogs and chili was served followed by the game. The children and adults took turns drawing. Three teams battled for the big prize of Hershey's chocolate bars. The other teams left with Valentine pencils so they could practice their drawing for the next time. A good time was had by all, and everyone looks forward to our next game night which will be in July. The Friends of the Freeport Library funded all the food, prizes, decorations, etc.

Our first Big Read event was held Saturday, March 31st at 2 p.m. A Taste of Asia was presented by Khanthaly Taing. She showcased clothes and other items from Laos and Thailand. She talked about the customs and taught a few basic words. She also demonstrated how to prepare fried rice and how to make and wrap egg rolls. Of course, everyone enjoyed eating the food, a program for the mind and body. Thirty-five people braved the horrible weather. Thanks to The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and library Services and Arts Midwest, and The Friends of the Freeport Library for sponsoring this event.

The next big event is Author Day. Ken Hoffman, the Houston Chronicle columnist, is also the author of the book, *You Want Fries with That?*. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Freeport Library and The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Arthur C. Lawson Post No. 4341 of Freeport. This will conclude National Library Week, and the libraries have many things planned that week to show appreciation to their patrons.

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan will be read in celebration of The Big Read taking place throughout Brazoria County and the surrounding area this May. Our book club will discuss the book at our May meeting. They will also preview a short film titled *Perfection* which will lead into the discussion.

Saturday, May 12th will be a professional puppet show titled *Tale of the Dragon*. This family puppet show is the story of Zang Chi and the Chinese New year parade. This will be followed by crafts and other activities. All who are young-at-heart will have fun at this event.

Kitty has a wonderful summer reading program planned. We were very fortunate this year. I sent out letters requesting sponsorships for some of our summer programs, and the response was tremendous. Freeport LNG's donation of \$300 will fund Kitty's first program, *Lyndale the Literary Lion*. Rhodia, Inc. is sponsoring *Pirates*, a puppet play by James A. Gibson, and Oyster Creek RV Ranch, Inc. is sponsoring *La Luna*, a marionette performance by James A. Gibson. The Friends of the Freeport Library, Dow Chemical, and the Brazoria County Library Board are also funding parts of the program. Because of these donations, we can offer quality, professional programs.

Additional items of interest:

I went to Head Start, Monday evening, March 26th, to talk to the parents about the library. I told them what we have for them, and the resources we have for their children.

Then March 27th an ESL instructor brought his adult class for a tour and a talk about the library. That night many of the participants received their first library card. I have two tours scheduled April 10th. Barbara Adkins is teaching a citizenship class, and she is bringing one group at 10:15 a.m. and another group at 6 p.m.

Kitty also has school groups coming in April and May for story times. It will also be a good opportunity for her to promote the summer reading.

AARP has been here every Monday since February 5th filing income taxes for people. The article in The Facts generated more interest. The group is providing a wonderful community service.

The library's meeting room will be used by the county for early voting. Thank you to the city for installing a phone line for them to use.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 3rd at 4:45 p.m.

MORE SPECIAL EVENTS GHOST STORY NIGHT

CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 4TH GRADE
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

TUESDAY JUNE 12, 2007 6:30 P.M.

Join John Bernzen for an evening of ghost stories
that are sure to be entertaining.

*The Freeport Library, its volunteers, and employees of the Brazoria County Library System
are not responsible for nightmares.

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

Ages 13 - 18 Only Please

SATURDAY JULY 7, 2007 2 - 3:30 P.M.

Join Chasing Vermeer and help him solve his latest mystery
through innovative sleuthing techniques such as fingerprinting
and decoding secret codes. Try some of the CSI techniques
you see on television!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Freeport Library.

2nd ANNUAL FAMILY FEED

All Ages Welcome

TUESDAY JULY 10, 2007 6:30 P.M.

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

Lots of fun and feuding!

The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Texas State Library,
Brazoria County Library System and the Friends of the Freeport Library.

Our thanks to the presenters and the wonderful people who sponsor our programs.

Get AWAY WITH BOOKS



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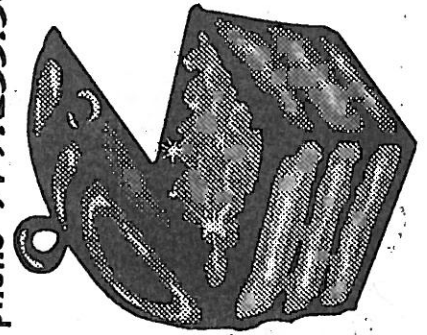
Texas Reading Club

at the

Freeport Library

**410 Brazosport Blvd.
Freeport, Texas 77541
phone 979.233.3622**

Monday	10:00 - 6:00
Tuesday	10:00 - 8:00
Wednesday	10:00 - 6:00
Thursday	10:00 - 8:00
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10:00 - 5:00
Sunday	Closed



Set sail at the

Freeport Library

and discover treasures!