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Be it remembered that on this seventh day of April, 2009, the board of the Brazoria County Library System, Freeport Branch, met in session with the following persons present:

June Strambler	James Walker, new member
Nancy Hughes	Marge Janke, Freeport Librarian
Joyce Girouard	Cathy Threadgill, Brazoria County
Margie Edwards, Secretary	Library Systems Manager

MINUTES for the previous meeting were not available.

BRANCH LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Please see Attachment 1.

COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Cathy Threadgill, reported that the annual "Big Read" will be from April 18 through May 31, 2009. Another county book sale will take place in July.

Cathy further reported that in the Texas State Library's budget request to the Texas legislature, only one item was not a financial request. Unless two million dollars is allocated, services will have to be cut, but for now the amount is still in the running. She urged members to contact their congress persons and ask for an increase from the Lone Star Fund. Texas' per capita spending is very low compared with the rest of the nation.

The State Public Library System has been regionalized into ten districts. Our district, The Houston Area Library System (HALS), serves 13 counties. State cuts have occurred over the years and now HALS only receives federal funds. These funds provide training, cataloging and technical support for our district. HALS is now requesting that state funding be restored. Also, purchasing funds are being requested. The old bill now needs revision since it was first adopted for University and Community College libraries only.

She also noted that the Pearland West, Library group recently presented their proposal to Commissioner's Court for study.

Cathy also told us that Larry White, former Freeport Librarian, and now Assistant County Systems Manager, is retiring. She will notify all branches about a date for a farewell reception.

OLD BUSINESS: Marge Janke reported that her budget request to City Council for McNaughton books needs to come from the board. This had been approved by the board

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ages ago and does not need to be approved annually. She also requested new tables for the meeting room.

NEW BUSINESS: Marge Janke told us that Dawn Thomas, Children's Specialist for Freeport branch, held a very successful Easter egg coloring event. 22 children with 11 adults colored four dozen eggs.

Marge noted that early voting will be held in the library meeting room from April 27 through May 5, 2009.

Summer reading program schedules were distributed to the board members. Please see Attachment 2.

NEXT MEETING DATE will be July 7, 2009 at 4:45 PM in the Library lunchroom.

ADJOURNMENT was at 5:25 PM.

Chairperson

Secretary

Freeport library board minutes, April 7, 2009 Attachment 1

Branch Manager's Report April 7, 2009

Dawn had a very successful Valentines' craft day. Fifteen children attended. They were pleased with their make and take crafts, and they certainly enjoyed the refreshments. The staff made a variety of cupcakes for Dr. Seuss' birthday celebration held on March 3. The children had a difficult time choosing since there were four different types. All were delicious.

So many different people have been using the library for many different reasons. AARP volunteers have been at the library three Mondays in February and four Mondays in March and have helped a total of 279 people prepare their income taxes. Many thanks to these wonderful volunteers for providing such a needed service for our community. A census worker has been here every Thursday testing people for various census jobs.

Children are invited to come and go and make and take crafts at the library, Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is in conjunction with River Fest that is being held in the park.

We welcomed Will Burke to our staff. He is our new shelver and we are now fully staffed.

Future meetings:

July 7

October 6

Summer Reading Program June 8-August 15



June 3, 10:15 a.m. - Come celebrate as we kick off the SRP, Texas style!



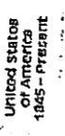
June 11, 4 p.m. - Snake Eyed Willie, presented by Incredible Events. Join the rootin' tootin' cowboy as he performs cowboy magic!



June 17, 10:15 a.m. - Come join us as we make pasta art! Yes, with real pasta!



June 24, 10:15 a.m. - Listen in as the Texas Storyteller reveals history about Texas, our Texas.



June 25, 10:15 a.m. - Turtles, snakes and critters, oh my! Come out and learn about animals in Texas.

July 1, 10:15 a.m. - Community Helpers storytime

July 2, 1 p.m. - I Want to be a Firefighter! Join in as we take a look into the life of a real firefighter.

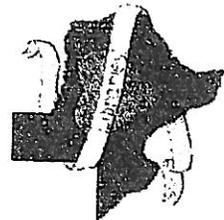
July 6, 4 p.m. - Texas Three Step: The Good, the Bad and the Funny. This variety show will appeal to all ages. Performed by BCLS staff members.



July 8, 10:15 a.m. - Christmas in July

Every Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. storytime at

the Freeport Library



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July 16, 6 p.m. - Domino's Pizza Day. Come play with Freeport's Domino's Pizza staff. Pizza, pizza!

July 21, 6 p.m. - I Scream for Ice Cream! Join us as we enjoy a cold treat and play Wii laser hockey & other fun games.



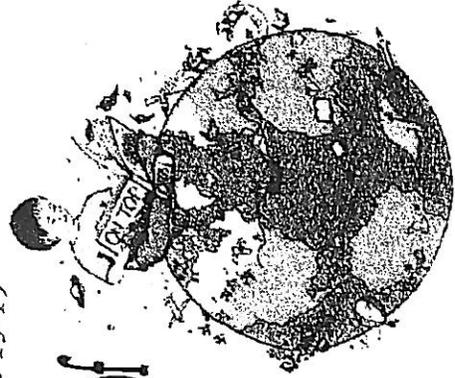
July 22, 10:15 a.m. - Texas Cowgirls and Critters presented by Lisa Jastram. Interactive program featuring puppets, songs, skits & more. Sponsored by Dow Chemical.



July 30, 4 p.m. - Game Day. Wii bowling tournament & other Wii games. Teens only. Ages 13-19

August 5, 1 p.m. - Teen Craft. Let's express ourselves with arts and crafts. Ages 13-19

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