

**Moore Memorial Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes**

June 25, 2007

Present: Elaine Schmitz, Nelle Leach, Stephanie Doyle, Shirley Mapps, Mary Ann Reed and Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Sarah Ettredge, Sara Moreno, Gerry Steed and Ann Dube

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. Minutes from the April 23rd meeting were approved as written.

Beth Ryker Steiner gave the Librarian's report:

1. The Summer Reading Programs are going well. The library is busy with lots of activities for all ages. Beth encouraged the Board members to participate in the Adult Reading Program.
2. Budget workshops have been held for all City Departments. A major area of emphasis in the Library's proposed budget is funding to upgrade Internet access to OC3 fiber. (Currently the library and most of the other City Departments have Internet access through the Library's T-1 line contracted through UT.) The library and other city departments have experienced significant slow down and a bandwidth problem as usage has increased greatly.) Library space issues are not being considered in the operating budget.
3. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) has been reauthorized by the Texas State Legislature for another twelve years. However, funding has again been cut. The State Library has redefined their mission statement to reflect the reality of years of straight line or reducing budgets. All of the collection development and technological equipment assistance formerly provided to public libraries will be discontinued at the end of this current year. TSLAC emphasis will be on providing continuing education and consultation.
4. The Houston Area Library System, a sub-structure of the Texas State Library System, will also be greatly affected by these changes in state funding. Most of the grant opportunities available in the past will no longer be available. Funding for library materials, technology, staff and facilities will now be the sole responsibility of the local library.

5. The book chosen for Galveston County Reads for 2008 is A lesson before dying by Ernest Gaines. Activities will be held as part of this program all over the county between January and March 2008.
6. The Library has instituted a system of using a roving Reference Librarian on the main floor between 2:00 and 5: 00 p.m. each day this summer. This third Reference staff person will walk the floor assisting patrons in the stacks, giving directional assistance, offering one-on-one computer assistance on the OPACs, monitoring behavior and traffic flow in the library, and channeling people who need specialized assistance or computers to the Reference desk. This change has been instituted, in part, to make sure patrons who need computer access are not prevented from getting that access by other patrons monopolizing the workstations for long periods of time and to assist in monitoring and handling behavioral problems which arise from larger numbers of persons in the library at the same time.
7. City Hall has directed that the Library make a policy change to computer usage to remove maximum time limits on computer use if no one else is waiting. Library staff are monitoring the situation to determine if this is beneficial or detrimental to library service overall.
8. The Library has purchased a new online reader's advisor database that is available to help readers find new books and new authors to read. It is also available through the library home page by remote access.

Board members requested that the next Library Board meeting be moved to August 20th at 4 p.m. from the previously scheduled date of August 27th. The change was approved by the members present.

The next meeting was set for August 20th at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned about 4:35 p.m.