

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

August 23, 2010

Present: Gerry Steed, Elaine Schmitz, Hallie Ketchum, Nelle Leach, Mary Ann Reed, Clay West, Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Sara Moreno, Shirley Mapps, Stephanie Doyle

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Minutes from the April 25, 2010 meeting of the Library Board were approved as written.

Librarian Beth Ryker Steiner gave the following short report:

1. The Galveston County Library System has not yet received its budget allocation for FY 2010/2011. Budgets for FY 2009/2010 at Federal, State and Regional levels (HALS) for public libraries remain tight. The Library has been awarded a Loan Star grant award for FY2010-2011, at an amount reduced about 20% from last year, due to cuts by the State Legislature. Almost no funding, other than some allocated for continuing education, is expected from the Houston Area Library System this year.
2. The Library has completed the upgrading of wiring for the computer network systems.
3. The Friends of the Library group have donated additional funds for audio book cases and audio books. These materials are very much appreciated by library patrons. Demand keeps increasing in this medium.
4. Summer programs were very successful. All statistical tallies are not yet in, but in the independent reading part of the program, participation was up about 35% over last year. Overall circulation for the fiscal year-to-date is up about 7%. Beth thanked the Library Board members for their support and participation in this program.

The schedule for fall computer classes is now available online and in the library. Classes will start in very early September.

The book "The lost city of Z" by David Grann has been selected for the 2010 Texas City Reads program. The library has purchased extra copies of the book for checkout, and also has an audio book and a large print edition available to check out. Two discussions will be held at the library (Monday, Oct. 4th at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 5th at 7 pm.) The Friends of the Library will provide refreshments for the discussion sessions.

Beth notified the Board members that there have been some changes in library staff:

- Genita Holland, a full-time Support Services Assistant has resigned. Denise Castor, a part-time Shelver, has been promoted to fill that vacancy.
- Shelver Heather Valiguras has resigned. Mike Martinez has been hired to fill that position.

At the end of September, a permanent online exhibit on the history of Texas City will be launched by Moore Memorial Public Library. Representing over two years of work by all the librarians on staff, this comprehensive exhibit will cover the history of Texas City from pre-incorporation to the current times. A large number of historical photographs and documents are included in the exhibit. Beth explained that this was a very good way to make fragile and historically significant documents and photographs from the archives accessible to large numbers of interested persons. The library staff plans to keep adding to this exhibit as more information and/or documents become available. The library plans an extensive marketing effort for the launch of this exhibit, which will be hosted on the library server and made available through the websites of the City of Texas City and Moore Memorial Public Library.

Beth asked each of the Board members present, whose term was expiring in October, if they were willing to continue to serve on the Library Board if the Mayor requested them to. All board members present indicated they were available if requested. Beth will query the absent Board members, and have that information available for the Mayor if requested.

The next meeting was set for Monday, Oct. 18th at 4 p.m. The meeting was adjourned about 4:45 pm.