

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

August 27, 2012

Present: Shirley Mapps, Gerry Steed, Mary Ann Reed, Elaine Schmitz, Sara Moreno, Stephanie Doyle, Clay West, Beth Ryker Steiner

Absent: Hallie Ketchum

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Minutes from the April 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Library Board were approved as written.

Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner reported:

1. Long-time Support Services Assistant Mary Lou Duplan is retiring August 31<sup>st</sup>. Michelle Golden, a current Support Services Assistant working primarily in Circulation will assume Mary Lou's position in Technical Services. Part-time shelver Randy Ramirez will be converted to fill the full-time position vacated by Michelle. The Library has received permission to hire a replacement shelver for Randy's position.
2. The Galveston County Library System budget is under consideration by the Galveston County Commissioner's Court. It is a flat-line budget. An approved budget should be available by late September.
3. Summer programs for all ages were very successful this summer. Usage statistics for the library are up significantly.
4. Fall adult programming is extensive and includes new computer classes as well as individual programs on a variety of subjects. The full schedule will be published in the Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter. Program schedules for September and October are available now in the Library.
5. In the Garden of Beasts by Eric Larson is the book being discussed for Texas City Reads 2012. A forum on foreign interventionism with a panel of 5 experts will be held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Museum. (The location was changed due to anticipated attendance greater than the Library could accommodate.) The book discussion session will be held on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Library. Melanie Wiggins, a local author who has researched German U-Boat activity in the area, will give a presentation at the library on Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm, on German U-Boats in the Gulf during World War II.
6. The Library's budget is under consideration by the City Commission. The final vote is due at the City Commission meeting scheduled for Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. At this time, there appears to have been almost no changes to the Library's proposed FY2012-2013 budget.

Nelle Leach asked about security cameras being put in place outside the library. Beth responded that the proposed FY2012-2013 budget included funds for security cameras.

A short discussion occurred about the reported financial difficulties of the La Marque Public Library. Indications are that library hours, staffing and budget will be cut significantly for FY 2013.

Beth reminded board members that reappointments or new appointments for expired terms for Board members would be submitted by the Mayor to the City Commission soon. New appointments and reappointments would be effective Oct. 1, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2012 at 4 pm in the Holland Meeting room.