MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NICHOLSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
August 08, 2011

The Library Advisory Board met on Monday, August 08, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., at the Central Branch Library, with the following in attendance.

Members Present:	Chair	Bettye Haynes
	Vice Chair	Mike McCorstin
	Board Member	Jerry Redden
	Board Member	Julius Irozuru
	Board Member	Adriana Liberto
	Board Member	Robert Brandon, Jr.
Member Absent:	Board Member	Barbara Stanley
Staff Present:	Director	Claire Bausch
	Assistant Director	Connie Moss
	Support Staff	Kathleen Cizek
	Support Staff	Amy White

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bettye Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

READING & APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion was made by Mike McCorstin, seconded by Julius Irozuru that the minutes of the April 11, 2011 meeting be approved with necessary corrections. **Motion carried**.

***JOBNOW!* ONLINE RESOURCES**

Electronic Resources Librarian, Katie Mills, demonstrated the Library's online job resource, JobNow! The service is a product of Brainfuse.

CENTRAL LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT REPORT

Director Bausch explained that delays with some of the installations necessitated pushing the Open House date to October 8. Different performers will be performing throughout the day from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is anticipated that most installations will be complete by this date.

EARLY LITERACY STATIONS

Director Bausch discussed the Early Literacy Stations now installed at all locations. The stations are for preschool children. Board Members were given a brief demonstration of several of the fifty software programs installed on each Early Literacy Station.

OPERATING BUDGET FY 2011-2012

Director Bausch said the City Manager's proposed budget for the Library Department for the upcoming fiscal year was a flat budget. The Board discussed the upcoming dates for public hearings.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Facilities and Technology Systems
The Central Library, South Garland Branch and North Garland Branch have all had problems with their cooling systems over a period of weeks. South Garland's problems have been the most severe. The units are all being cleaned and repaired by Facilities Management.

B. Staff
There are six vacant positions pending—most from a citywide early retirement program.

C. Programs & Services
Walnut Glen Academy won the Nicholson Cup award for the highest percentage of students participating in the Library's Summer Reading Program. Other statistics were shared for the Adult, Teen and Children's reading programs.

D. Northeast Texas Library System
Director Bausch explained the budget reduction NETLS will receive for next year, and the fact that it appears no funding will be available after State Fiscal Year 2012.

E. Friends of the Library
The Friends have agreed to donate an additional $10,400 for the Central Library renovation. A donation sign will be mounted in the lobby vending area. The Friends earlier donated $20,000 for the Jungle children's area graphics.

DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Social Media and libraries will be included on a future Board meeting agenda.

ADJOURN

Mike McCorstin, seconded by Bob Brandon, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Library Advisory Board

Signed: Attest:

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Bettye Haynes, Chair Claire Bausch, Director of Libraries