

An organizational meeting was held last night, 7PM, Aug 24, 2010 at Nolan Ryan Jr High in the library. The next meeting will be held at the same time and place on Sept 14th. Future meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Meetings are open and we encourage anyone with an interest in building a Westside Library to attend and participate.

We are seeking volunteers to fill committees that will include fundraising, event planning, web site and newsletter, public relations and governmental relations.

One item I found interesting was that Pearland has one and a half books per person. Other cities in the county have range around six books per person. The average distance was greater than all but one city. That didn't consider the congestion of 518 which would make travel time greater than any other city in the county.

New officers were elected and will serve until the end of the calendar year.

Building the Westside Library will be a joint effort of our group, the City of Pearland and Brazoria County. Representatives of both the city and county have attended every meeting we've ever had and have shown all the support they can considering the Great Recession. Both have supported the creation of the Westside Drop-off site. Plans for building an interim library in a storefront are underway.

If you would like a say in how the interim storefront library will be located, stocked and what activities will take place, please join in our next meeting.

Also, we highly encourage all to participate in the survey from the Brazoria County Library System. This is a good avenue to provide your input on the need of another library at the West side of Pearland.

Please see the message below from the Brazoria County Library System:

"BCLS has begun a long range planning process. Over the course of the next year we intend to evaluate the current state of affairs at the branches, and set goals and priorities for services and resources over the next five years.

We cannot do this without you. We will be hosting a series of community meetings at each of our locations. More information about those meetings is available at the library's website or at your local branch.

While anyone is welcome to attend those meetings, we know that many of you will not be able to fit them into your busy schedules. We would still appreciate your input and have created this survey to give you an opportunity to help us shape library service in Brazoria County for the years to come.

The survey should not take more than 10 to 15 minutes, and your answers will help us very much."

Here is the link to the survey:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2z4dxwdgbuyeglz/a01atgcrnw4h5/greeting>