

NEW LIBRARY BUSINESS

4. Architect Contract, Building Timeline & Library Tour Dates DISCUSSION

February 12, 2008, the Bedford City Council approved Hidell and Associates Architects as the architect for the new Library building. \$6.6 million was allocated to renovate the building at 2424 Forest Ridge Drive. The design and bid process should allow us to be ready for a December 2009 opening for the Library. The suggestion was made to hire a construction manager to insure a complete and on time building program.

March 1st and April 12th are the dates being considered for the Library Board Tour of Libraries. April 16th was the date suggested to have a Community Focus Group meeting for the Library Advisory Board.

5. Focus Group Committee Report DISCUSSION/ACTION

This report will be forwarded to Hidell and Associates Architects

6. Landscaping Committee Report DISCUSSION/ACTION

This report will be forwarded to Hidell and Associates Architects

REPORTS

Library Manager Report:

The Bedford Public Library Awarded Teen Tech Mini Grant

The Bedford Public Library has been selected as one of the twenty recipients of the Teen Tech Week Mini Grants! The Bedford Public Library was the only library in Texas to receive this grant provided by the Young Adult Library Services Association. The \$450 grant will fund the Teen Gaming Tournament which will be held on Friday, March 7th at 6:30 pm. Teens are already casting their votes for their favorite game. The Library will also receive \$50 in products to promote the event.

Teen Tech Week

Teen Tech Week is a national initiative sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association and is aimed at teens, their parents, educators and other concerned adults. The purpose of the initiative is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technologies, especially those that are offered through libraries such as DVDs, databases, audio-books, and videogames. Teen Tech Week encourages teens to use libraries' non-print resources for education and recreation, and to recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. Teen Tech Week began in 2007 and has a general theme of Get Connected @ Your Library. The 2008 celebration is March 2- 8. For more information, visit:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teentechweek/ttw08/contests/winners.cfm>

Nintendo Wii Donated by Wal-Mart Supercenter

Area 51 teens requested a Nintendo Wii game console for the Teen Tournament. Nintendo Wii is the hot game console and will be a huge attraction for the Teen Tournament. Community Services Supervisor, Jeanne Green, contacted the Bedford Wal-Mart to ask them if they could help us in obtaining a Nintendo Wii for the Teen Tournament. Their Community Relations Manager not only obtained one for the Library, but donated it.

Bedford Public Library @ the Texas Library Association Conference

The Bedford Public Library will have a presence at the TLA Conference. Barbara Glassford Johnson, Systems Administrator & Technical Services Manager, will participate in a panel discussion entitled Taming Library Monsters: Library Thing and Library Elf. The panel will discuss the integration and implementation of these online services with library catalogs.

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APPROVED

Celebrate Seuss Festival:

Costume & Cake Decorating Contest Judges

Please let Maria Redburn know if you would like to be a costume or cake decorating judge for the Celebrate Seuss Festival to be on Sunday, March 2nd, 1 – 4:00 pm. There will be bounce houses, face painting, balloon artists and cotton candy. Thanks to Parks and Recreation for all the help!

Upcoming Events:

- Friends of the Library meeting Thursday, February 21st @ 7:00 pm in the Board room.
- Area 51 meeting Saturday, February 23rd @ 1:00 pm in the Bonnie Finn room.
- Seuss Proclamation Tuesday, February 26 @ 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers
- Trip to Farmington, NM Tuesday, March 4th and Wednesday, March 5th
- Teen Gaming Tournament Friday, March 7 @ 6:30 pm at the Library

BOARD COMMENTS

None

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Pay Dreyer stated that the sign in front of the future home of the Bedford Public Library is very difficult to read because of the alignment to Forest Ridge Dr. Pat suggested we could realign the sign and have it be a two sided sign so it could be seen when you are driving down Forest Ridge from either direction.

Karen Kersey wanted information on what Library Board meetings regarding the new Library she could attend.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**Judy Jones, Secretary
Bedford Public Library Advisory Board**