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be reopened.

The County Commissioner's luncheon, held on June 23, went well, Cathy said. She had asked for guidance from them about the effects of the poor economy. The consensus seemed to be to go ahead. Everyone will have to do the best they can. The economy is to blame.

The next county book sale will begin on July 23, for set-up; 23, 24 and 25 for sales, with clean up on Monday, July 27. There will be sign-up sheets at the library and board members and Friends are urged to help.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Marge reported that on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 2:30 PM at the Library meeting room, the County Extension Department, BISD and the library will cooperate to present a program to aid families to plan healthy meals during the present economic downturn.

Cathy announced that the Brazoria County Library Foundation has secured a speaker for their next Author dinner to be held on April 29, 2010. Dr. and amateur archeologist, Gregg Dimmick from Wharton, has accepted the invitation to speak. He has written two books about our area of Texas. One is titled, "Sea of Mud", and is about General Santa Ana's retreat from the San Jacinto battlefield. The other book is a translation of the diaries of two generals in Santa Ana's army, written after the war, as they questioned why the war was lost.

Next meeting date will be Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 4:45 PM in the Freeport library lunchroom.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:25 PM

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Chairperson, pro tem

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Secretary

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### **Branch Manager's report for July 7, 2009**

Thank you to the city for the purchase of our four new tables, chairs and new comfort mat behind the circulation desk.

The summer reading club is off to a great start. Snake-eyed Willie entertained sixty-three children and thirty adults. The children were delighted with Dawn's special program when they created art projects from real pasta. And everyone loved Miss Ruby's program of turtles, snakes and critters. Thank you to the Freeport firemen who came and talked to the children about life as a firefighter. All the programs to date have been well-attended. This week it's Christmas in July, three afternoons of making Christmas crafts.

Internet usage has been very high. In April, there were 2,717 uses and May, 2,155 uses.

It's hot outside, but the city of Freeport has designated the library as one of their three cool zones where people can come, relax and stay cool. We welcome anyone to use our facilities at any time and hope they come regardless of the temperature.

#### **New Business:**

Mark the date, Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The final details have not been worked out, but the program will focus on providing healthy and nutritional meals for families. The extension office, BISD, and the library will be hosting this event.