

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

General Meeting

August 11, 2018

Carriage House

Minutes

The Clayton Library Friends (CLF) business meeting was called to order by President Sue Yerby at 9:30 AM.

President Yerby welcomed CLF members and guests. She encouraged guests to join Clayton Library Friends. She announced that final renewal notices have been mailed out for the 2018 memberships.

President Yerby introduced Rae Bryant, President of the Houston Genealogical Forum. Ms. Bryant provided information about their September 8, 2018 programs.

- Morning session speaker will be Frank Billingsley – *A Genealogical Roller Coaster*, the search for his birth father.
- Afternoon session will be DNA Interest Group – Color Clustering.

President Yerby introduced the speaker, Susan Kaufman, Manager of Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research.

The topic was *State of the Clayton Library for 2017* – accomplishments for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

Comparisons of FY17/FY18 were provided.

Category	FY 17	FY 18
Number of Visitors	35,365	28,635
Materials Used	54,704	38,492
Meeting Room use by outside groups/attendees	371/3418	287/2602

The challenges of getting the younger generation into the library and realizing that everything is not on the internet was discussed. We are fighting their need for instantaneous gratification.

Staffing:

- Eight full-time personnel, and one part-time
- Generalist and subject specialty

Collections

- 120,000+ books
- 3200+ periodicals
- 90,000+ microfilm
- 200,000+ microfiche

FY18 Activity Highlights

- Streamline library orientation
- Each month's program contains orientation and a topical presentation
- Tropical Storm Harvey – there was little damage to the Clayton Library facilities, but the library was closed for awhile so that staff could assist at other Houston Public Library branches that were affected.

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- Continued library partnerships include: The Hispanic Genealogical Society and Afro-American Genealogical Society.
- Family Search digital books in HPL catalogue recorded.

Clayton Library Friends

- The sole job is to support the library.
- Volunteer duties include: Clayton House, microprint desk, shelving, material acquisition, and special projects.
- Provide funding for materials - \$40,000 acquisitions and \$18,000 for bindery.
- Purchased photo and slide scanner for library.

The Future – what does the future look like?

- Continue the legacy of the Clayton family.
- Develop forward thinking ideas to engage the younger generation.

What is the job of CLF members?

- Use the collections.
- Talk about the collections to others.
- Look for outreach opportunities.
- Volunteer your skills.

FY 19 Goals

- Presentations will be online.
- Accurate book usage count
- Increased outreach.
- Beginning genealogy classes

The new Clayton Library website will be rolled out the first week of September 2018. Will include information about collections, events, and exhibits.

A survey was given to all attendees who were encouraged to complete and return to Sue Yerby. Input from members and guests is needed to help mold the future of Clayton Library and Clayton Library Friends.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Signed:

Barbara Richards, Secretary

Sue Yerby, President