Community Meeting #1 Butte Falls Branch Library 7 - 9 p.m. 10/15/15

At the Butte Falls community meeting 25 members from the community participated, District Board Member Susan Kiefer participated and JCLS staff members Carrie Prechtel and Nancy Peterson also attended to facilitate the meeting. Special thanks to Butte Falls president Judy Lozano for her attendance, welcome, advanced preparation and marketing for the meeting.

What follows are the 56 data points as collected through the meeting as well as via post-it notes on a visual display at the library inviting patron feedback from folks who were not able to make the meeting.

**Discussion regarding the idea of libraries equaling education:**
Vast amount of information
Computer classes
RCC/SOU works with space
Reliable research information
Good place to do homework/work
When closed, can’t access, but WiFi is always open
Depot
Portal to information beyond “here”
Important for people

**Opportunities to provide additional support for people continuing a self-directed learning journey?**
Expand checkouts: tools, equipment, kitchen, librarian time
History, geography, need new items for all ages.
New literature – fiction for browsers
Upgrade science/psychology books
Need more hours – evenings and weekends (no elementary school on Fridays)
Musical instruments and practice rooms
Telescopes
Check out tablets
Train staff to train public on devices
Electronic photo album
Grant writing library in BF
Local history section
“Best practices” info sharing
Roll over inventory more
English TV series
Books for teachers – collection of same title for class use

**Opportunities to enhance programs keeping in mind trends connected to:**
Technology
Programs for students
Library database training classes
3-D printers

**Economy**

**Social connections**
Share classes with food coops
Get kids involved in a variety of workshops
Librarians go to other sites
Karaoke
Writing class
ComicCon – traveling Comicon
Activities in BF using local talent
More Outreach to Homebound in BF
Record all classes/workshops so others can view/learn
More hours
Community Book Sharing program
Book Clubs

Opportunities to enhance ways people find information and or conduct research?
Tax prep help
How-to home improvements
Oral history projects
Partner with schools – resources shared, space shared
Book a Librarian

OTHER:
Hub of community
Debt forgiveness – if lost a book in kindergarten, debt stays forever. Use community service to work off.
Work the The Landing
Coffee/café (there’s no café open on Sundays)
Develop grounds around library – park, games, playground
Get word out via 2 town reader boards, email, social media, The Landing’s Community Bulletin
More hours!
Printer/copier for public – color printer
Scanner for public
Accept credit cards
Make portable classroom – meeting space/room addition