Community Meeting # 4 Gold Hill Branch Library 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. 10/21/15

At the Gold Hill community meeting 10 members from the community participated, District Board Member Maureen Swift participated and JCLS staff members Tammy Westergard and Jody Fleming also attended to facilitate the meeting. Special thanks to Branch Manager Cindy Oldfield for her attendance, welcome, advanced preparation and marketing for the meeting.

What follows are the 68 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:**
- Foreign language
- (Lack of) connection with local schools
- Mobility of library services
- Connection between SMART reader and summer reading
- Dogs in library
- Job-related resources (both books & digital)
- Keeping us a reading community

**Opportunities to provide additional support for people continuing a self-directed learning journey?**
- Mentor programs for self-directed learning
- Upgrading collection
- Creating movies
- Better browsing in catalog
- Digital tools to use
- Computers
- Wifi
- Ebooks
- Ereader instruction
- Mobile devices
- AV equipment
- 4H, Scouts, FA – send kids home with books

**Opportunities to enhance programs keeping in mind trends connected to:**
- **Technology**
  - More computer classes
  - Partner with computer stores for classes
  - Virtual teaching/skype-like to outer branches
  - Mobile device instruction
  - Adult training on social media
  - Email pen pals
  - Leverage online learning
  - GH machine shop – could use trade school

- **Economy**

  - **Social connections**
    - Programs supporting literacy
    - Afterschool homework help!
    - Library teaching is less constrained
    - Library enrichments supporting K-12
Teach different languages – especially Spanish

**Opportunities to enhance ways people find information and or conduct research?**

More resources for diversity and women’s issues (job-related)
Job fairs and training in smaller communities
More available aid for technology on tablets, etc.
Walk-in tech support – at least an hour
Video instruction
One on one reference services
Library help point people to trades and careers
Resume support
Job readiness programs

**OTHER:**

Better connections to business community
Transportation options
Better communications with library resources
Connectivity between branches – especially programming
Organizing themes for programming
Better use of Facebook to communicate events to communities – Facebook branch pages, web site is too busy
Virtual meetings
Skype sessions
Transportation to the library
Weekend hours! Families are working Monday-Friday
Library is a convenient place – draws foot traffic to catalyze downtown activity
Have bus stop at library
Extend into the community the library park
Weekend Hours !!!!!!!
Restrooms for public
Exterior lighting
More security
Community police presence
Keep grounds better maintained
More hours
More books
RV parking
Young adult computers!
More computers for children
3-D printer
More junior computers!
We want more hours!